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# £27m for power 'fat cats'

### Political row rekindled by new utilities bonanza

Chris Barrie

tives scooped pay-offs and com-

The disclosures are certain to provoke a new political furore over greed by the privatised utilities which have already

The Conservatives tried to defuse the row through the committee of industrialists neaded by Sir Richard Greenbury, charged with advising on executives' remuneration,

for stricter enforcement of the proposed codes of practice.

The huge payouts will infuriate unions in an industry which has seen 50,000 jobs axed in the six years since privatisation. They are braced for further job cuts following the takeovers.

The scale of payments is an average family for 1,350 years — before the Manchesterbased electricity company was bought by neighbour North West Water.

The pay increase took his total remuneration to £2.87 million, including payments for share options, pension, and compensation for loss of

The scale of payments is revealed in documents filed at Companies House and analysed by the Guardian. It far exceeds earlier estimates.
One executive, former Norweb chairman Ken Harvey, received a total package of nearly £3 million including a last-minute pay rise of £377,000

Enormous payments have also been made to small num-

bers of executives at Eastern Group, Seeboard, Manweb and South Wales Electricity. Six regional electricity con-panies were bought last year as part of the wave of electricity

The figures show buge

benefits have gone not just to directors who have quit the industry, but also to some who continue to hold highly paid posts.
At Eastern Group, chairman

John Devaney was paid more than £1.3 million for his share options when Lord Hanson's conglomerate bought the lpslast year. He remains at the behn of the firm.

was purchased this year, and neither it nor South Western tion process, was also paid accountants, and public relations filed their full more than £1.3 million for his options. He has now left the

Eastern paid £11.8 million to senior staff to compensate them for the loss of share options after the takeover. Some remain in their posts.

The pay-offs total will be much higher than the £28.9 million to date, as Midlands Electricity and South West-ern Electricity have been

turn to page 3, column directors' remuneration. Northern Electric and East Midlands Electricity are also

over 18 months. The cost of

companies came to more than

The pay-offs and massive fees to City advisors will re-

Secretary Ian Lang must de-cide whether to block the recent bids for East Alidiands

£75 million.

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# £1,200 payout too little for me, says duke

E is worth £78 million, owns 20,000 acres and can boast that his second home is regarded as the most romantic house in England. But His Grace the Duke of Rutland, Britain's 64th wealthiest man, is locked in

over the regal sum of £1,200.

The normally reticent 77year-old 10th Duke, whose art joined four years ago because treasures alone are valued at of the society's reputation and "out of local loyalty." fury from small investors in the Allianca & Leicester with demands that he should receive a greater share of the 250 million the society is offering to members when it be-

comes a bank next year. He and 1,000 other wealthy members — with investments totalling £50 million — dismiss the A&L's across-theboard bonus share offer to give all 2.4 million members a

windfall of about £1,200 each Austin THE DUKE OF RUTLAND WANTS TO



as "unfair and unjust". They claim the offer should be

They are threatening to close their accounts and vote against the plan when it is put to investors next month. "If investors with a few thousand pounds were to take their money out and put it somewhere else, it would cer-atinly embarrass the society." battle with a building society the duke said from Belvoir Castle, his magnificent home He insisted he spoke for both small and large investors, and

was simply against "carpeforg-gers" making a profit. "They have the right to do what they want but it is inequitable. If you have been an investor and put quite a bit of money into a building society and then you see someone who put their money in a couple of years ago get the full bonanza, it is unfair and

unjust." The bonus offers were attacked last week by relatives of severely disabled people who will not receive any shares because they rely on other people to administer

The A&L yesterday refused to bow to the duke's demands. A spokesman said: "It might not seem a lot to somebody who is worth as much as he

written expressing their anger at the duke's intervention. "Perhaps he would like to ex-plain to these customers, such as the pensioners, that he wants some of their money."



The Duke and Duchess of Rutland: Alliance and Leicester building society's across-the-board share offer "unfair and unjust" to wealthy members

### Multi-millionaire with eye for a bargain, despite two stately homes

herited his title and his fortune at the age of 20 when his father died, writes Stuart

who is worth as much as he is, but to the vast majority of our members, who have less than £2,000 in their accounts, it means a lot."

He said small investors had written expressing their anger sits in 18,000 acres of land.

distaste for field sports.

Hall, in Derbyshire, which dates from the 13th century and came into the family Millor.

Last year, he was valued 1560s, has been described as the most romantic house in England. Restored by the duke's father after years of decline, it has acres of ter-

raced gardens and a trout lake. The estate is also home to After a spell as a captain of aristocrats who were the Duke's foxhounds, the in the Grenadier Guards, Belvoir Hunt, where Printed State of the duke consolidated his cess Diana overcame her fortune mainly through precautions against minerals and as proprietor politicians.

business acumen, cornering the market in early Christmas holidays by offering Yuletide breaks at Belvoir over the August bank holiday.

A lifelong Tory, he is as

afraid of losing out under Labour as through the Alliance & Leicester. Last year, he presided over a meeting

DORN Charles John Robert Manners in 1919, the second home that attracts admiration. Haddon In 1988, he underlined his wealth. He was once seen as much for his looks as his wealth. He was once seen as a suitable escort for the then Princess Elizabeth. and is widely recognised to be the inspiration for many ice-ripping heroes. Even now she describes him as the "most handsome man

in England".

The family is well used to making enemies. Last summer, 5,000 trout in his lake were poisoned with cya-nide, and threats have been received from extreme antihunting groups.

### **UPTO** PILIS, FOR EARLY INVESTORS, A PREMITUM RATE OF 8% GROSS RA. UNTIL 1.2.97. O 0 0 invitation from Goma yester-day. Mr Kabila criticised the planned force as intent on feeding Rwandan refugees without combating the ex-The Abbey National tremist militias which have used the camps to attack Guaranteed Growth Bond. Simply invest a minimum of £10,000 over a 3 or 5 year period and receive a guaranteed return of up to 140%. To ensure that you don't miss out,

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### Zaire rebels threaten rescue mission agreed the United Nations | Speaking in the Commons, refugee camp, a base for the | record. The neo-colonial flat | themselves, "we are not going mandate and the orderly plant the Defence Secretary. Hutu Internhamwe militias vour of the force was in as a means of conducting mandate and the orderly planmilitary operations". There was little sign of any

Chris McGreal In Goma and Martin Walker In Washington

N INTERNATIONAL force of 15,000 troops is to start deploying in and around Zaire early next week, officials meeting in New York decided yesterday. But rebels in eastern Zaire rejected any outside force that failed to disarm Rwandan Hutu extremists, while the Hutus threatened

The factions kept up their fighting, threats and shelling of refugee camps, while Europe and north America

ning of "our biggest logistical challenge since the Gulf war". Britain sent the deputy chief of the defence staff, General Alex Harlie, to the New York planning session with Canadian, United States, French, Spanish and other

participants.
A British reconnaissance Airborne headquarters were put on increased alert for

Michael Portillo, said: "The House will rightly ask why Britain should become involved in a place far from our country and where no vital national interest is engaged. Because we are a civilised nation.

But in Goma, Laurent Ka-bila, leader of the Alliance of

which continued to resist the rebel advance after the Zairean army fled.
The first US scouting party told the Pentagon from Goma yesterday that the airport could be secured and used as

an advance base, and that the security threat was manage-able. But it stressed that the

strengthened yesterday when Eritrea reconsidered its offer of participation, and South Africa said it was not quite ready to join what is to be called Operation Phoenix Tusk.

In Washington, Republican congress members voiced doubts about the hastily con-A British reconnaissance force of about 40 leaves for Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, said he priority would be to get the priority would be His forces in Goma yester more than a million refugees. unless it were invited, and day launched artillery and mortar attacks at Mugunga claim innocence of a colonial "robust" orders to defend

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aid must come by road.

Zaire and cross into Rwanda

Mr Kabila said his rebels

would not relinquish control

of Goma airport and insisted

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# little sardine



Simon Hoggart

ARRIVED in the Chamber to catch a Northern Ireland minister, Sir John Wheeler. (Sir John is a figure of such majestic pomposity that when a secretary failed to write Sir" on a letter to him, he complained, and the young

woman was almost sacked.) Reported crime always includes only that crime which has been reported," he that the crème de la cerebral crème is still rising to the top of the milk churn that is British

There was more. Andrew Mackinlay (Lab, Thurrock) asked another minister if he would accept that "the one thing that unites the Catholic unemployed with the Protestant unemployed is the fact that they are unemployed". Clearly an intellectual ban-

quet was being spread before us. The Duc de la Rochefoucauld would have been right a home here. (Si on veut devenir riche, il faut obtenir de l'argent, he might have said. Or, il fait choud quand is soleil brille. They'd have been roll-

ing in the gangways.)
Into these dark glossy pearls of oratorical Beluga, the Prime Minister dropped a

shall mention later. The first question was a piece of routine greasing from a backbencher, about the drop in the unemployment figures, reed to stand against European interference, and so forth.

This boot-licking would be regrettable in any MP, but was particularly sad coming from Sir Sydney Chapman, a white-haired 61-year-old whose hopes of advancement have been moribund for years. It was the political equivalent of watching a middle aged old goat from Sales chasing the

new blonde temp in Accounts Mr Blair thought that the rise in inflation and interest rates should "set warning

lights flashing". Like me just now, Mr Major turned to

oish sarcasm As he approaches his Prime Minister increasingly adopts a tone which implies: "Only those of us who have spent time in government are capable of understanding He said: "I know the retail

price figures are complex to understand, but I think you have failed to understand the impact of the figures this morning." (There was a freak drop in October last year, which makes the new figures look worse than they are.) I will explain it to you so

that you can explain it to you backbenchers." (The notion that Labour MPs are basically thick lurks at the back of every Tory's mind, in spite of the fact that these days they are equally thick themselves. Roy Hattersley tells the story of a CBI head who used the phrase đểi ở vụ in a meeting translated it into English. In reponse Denis Healey con-

ducted the remainder of the meeting entirely in French, except when he broke into Latin and ancient Greek.) Mr Blair said that he had ever ever heard a more ridiculous excuse

(Really? He's been an MP for

13 years. Sitting in the Gallery we hear equally ridiculous excuses every five minutes.) Mr Major twisted himself into a rictus of sarcasm. "He doesn't understand!" he said 'He really doesn't understand. He's not being per-verse, it's genuine. He really

loesn't understand iti "They are totally incapable not only of running an economy, but of even understand-

Mr Blair rose again to sarcastic Tory cries of "More! More!" and had to be shut up by Betty Boothroyd (one of these days she really will clear the bar). In the midst of all this, Mr

Major said a curious thing. Under Labour there is going A slip of the tongue, cer-tainly. Unintended, without a

doubt. The ritual formulation is, "in the highly unlikely event of the nation ever electing a Labour government..."
But I suspect it was an insight into what the Prime Minister

First night

## Looking for Mr Redgrave

Michael Billington Shakespeare For My Father

YNN Redgrave's onewoman show, widely seen in America, is the story of

her lifelong quest for her father's love. Sir Michael Redgrave was, of course, a great actor. But what makes his daughter's what makes his daughter's account strangely moving, and applicable to non-theatri-cal families, is the sense that only as he neared death was she able to receive the affec-

tion she desperately craved. She interweaves her story with copious extracts from Shakespeare: and the one that seems most painfully relevant is King Lear. Lynn Redgrave casts herself as one of nature's Cordelias: a shy tongue-tied youngest child who can not heave her heart into her mouth and who even walks in fear of her aloof father.

But, as Sir Michael lies dying of Parkinson's disease the barriers fall and the two of them are at last able to declare their love; a situation more common in British family life than we care to admit.

But, as well as being a hindsight saga, the show also gives Lynn Redgrave a chance to show off her versatility as a mimic. She gives us a fund of theatrical stories and pen-portraits of the famous. Here is Edith Evans swooping and darting rather nervously through Hay Fever, Maggie Smith with the nasal tones of Kenneth Williams, a languidly drawling Tony Richardson telling her that he wants her to play Helena in The Dream like a giraffe, and Dorothy Tutin

breathily offering advice to the aspiring actress.

The danger is that it could easily descend into green room gossip: an inbred show for aficionados only. But what makes it something infinitely more touching is the sense of

relived pain. One gasps with astonishment at the emotional negli-gence of Sir Michael who fails to record Lynn's birth in his meticulously-kept diary, who treats her with a cool indifference during her childhood, and who walks out on her debut in a school play. Yet there is nothing of con-

demnation in his daughter's account only a desperate attempt to understand this difficult, diffident man.

of his enthralling perfor-mances. He was the best of all Hamlets, a magnificent poble ruin of an Antony and, as uncle Vanya, the perfect embodiment of Chekhovlan waste. The paradox that remains is how he could be so emotionally candid on stage while being so masked and guarded in private. Not even Lynn Redgrave can quite solve that riddle. But her show evokes memories of a great actor unmatched at playing driven intellectuals and records her own search for the elusive private man.

It will appeal to those who like theatrical home-chat and rehearsal room anecdotes. But, more seriously, it reminds us that the bane of British life is its emotional constipation and that the love that dare not speak its name i all too often that between parents and children. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

### In The Week tomorrow **Ecstasy or bust**

Can campaigners change drugs'n clubs culture?

**First principles** 

John Berger on why art must go back to the cavemen

Plus Gays and Christians

Income distribution remains more unequal than in 1979  $\square$  13.7 million still living below poverty line

# Old goat and the Poor narrow income gap

Services Correspon

he gap between Britain's rich and poor has stopped widening for the
first time in 20
years, according to official
figures released yesterday
which show that 400,000 fewer
mennle are living below tha eople are living below the unofficial poverty line. Society remains far more megual in income terms than

in 1979, but the figures offer the first hard evidence of success for John Major's pro-fessed desire to heal the rounds of the 1980s and make Britain a nation at ease with

however, that Britain is a much changed nation. One in in a family without anybody | by 40 per cent from its 1979

The income gap between rich and poor started widen ing before the Conservatives took office in 1979, but acc erated sharply during the

Between 1979 and 1992-95 after allowing for housing average real income rose 37 per cent, but that of the poorest tenth of the population fell 18 per cent while that of the richest tenth rose 61 per cent. As a result, the number of

people living below the unofficial poverty line — half

average income — almost tripled from 5 million in 1979 to 14.1 million in 1992-93. The new figures, compiled by the Government Statistical Service, are for 1993-94 and 1994-95 combined. They show that average real income rose

tenth falling 13 per cent and that of the richest tenth rising by 65 per cent.

Compared with the 1992-93 picture, the bottom 40 per cent of households in income terms improved their relative position by 1993-95.

sult, the number of people living below half average income fell to 13.7 million. The number of children in this group fell from 43 million to 4.2 million.

The share of total income received by the poorest fifth of the population stayed con-stant at 6.8 per cent, having been 9.8 per cent in 1979, but rose slightly if measured before housing costs were accounted for.

Government statisticians esterday said that it was too early to offer explanations for the change of trend, but likely causes include flatter income

boosts to in-work benefits for the low-paid.

Ministers found themselves unable to crow about the change, having played down the growth of inequality in the first place.

However, Andrew Mitchell, ter, said: "The trend of in creasing inequality in the 1980s has not continued through the 1990s."

Harriet Harman, Labour's hadow social security secre tary, said: "The gap be the rich and the poor is still appendence.

over the creation of a frac tured society, a divided Britain. Sally Witcher, director of

the Child Poverty Action Group, said that the marginal improvement in the figures improvement in the figures should not stop poverty being

in a full-time job, the figures | level, with that of the poorest | growth, tax increases and | at the top of the agends in the forthcoming general election. Of the 13.7 million people living in poverty, couples with children were the largest

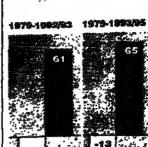
single group, she said.
"These figures reveal an unacceptably high level of child poverty for a country as rich as ours," Ms Witcher The statistics show that 31

per cent of British children now live in households where nobody is in full-time employ-ment. In 1979, the figure was

excluded from the calcula-tion, the proportion of chil-"The Tories have presided dren in households without anyone carrying out full-time ork rises even further to

Households Below Average Income, The Stationery Office,

Mind the gap amic gap between the rich and the poor. Income after housing costs.





MARGARET Thatcher (above) was yes terday scolded as "wrong and emo-tional" by a senior Chinese official after the former Prime Minister condemned the jailing of dissidents, boasted about Hong

Kong's success under colonialism and predicted the demise of one-party rule in China, writes Andrew Higgins in Beijing. A strongly-worded lecture by Lady

Thatcher at a two-day busine

in Beijing drew a pointed rebuke from Wu Jie, vice chairman of China's state commission for restructuring economic systems. The trade minister, Wu Yl, left the room during Lady Thatcher's address.

"She has just said many good things but she has also said some things that are not quite accurate and expressed them in a rather emotional way," Wu Jie said.

# Tebbit slates 'pygmy' MPs

Thatcher stalwart says slide to Brussels would destroy Tories

Ewen MacAskili, Chief Political Correspondent

HE former Conservative Party chairman, Lord Tebbit, has dismissed with scorn the bulk of today's MPs, describing them as "par-liamentary pygmles". He lam-basted both Tories and Labour for adopting very similar positions on a single European currency and pre-dicted joining up would lestroy the Tory party. Lord Tebbit, a key player in

the Thatcher government, was especially incensed by the reaction to the European Court of Justice ruling on a 48-hour working week. He de-scribed it as "humiliating" that John Major would have to negotiate with other European countries to get them to honour treaty commitments. "We have seen a parliament mentary pygmies accepting a slide towards being little more than a provincial as-sembly with subordinate pow-

ing portion of our national affairs," Lord Tebbit said. Conservative Central Office — which could do without such divisive speeches in the run-up to the general election — said it was not unusual for Lord Tebbit to use robust lan-guage, and that in any case he was discussing a hypothetical situation involving a single currency on which no deci-sion had been taken. Lord Tebbit, speaking in London at the inaugural Teb-

ers to legislate over a shrink

cal group, Conservative 2000 Foundation, said: "It is time Mr Major realised that an attempt by a Conservative government to shackle this country into a monetary

state called Europe, would not just split the Conservative Party. It would destroy it.

Party. It would destroy it.

"All those Conservatives who believe freedom, independence and democracy matter above all other political programmes would leave to join with those of other parties who shared that view.

"Such an alliance need not be a girdle ignument." It could be a single issue party. It could be a potential party of govern-ment. It need be no more of a coalition than either the Concoatton than either the Con-servatives or Labour Party is today. How curious that the post-Thatcher consensus has made more possible a political schism greater than that of 1846."

Lord Tebbit's prediction came as Tony Blair left for Paris, where he will today meet President Chirac and make a jor's new deciaration of war over the 48-hour week is a dan-

gerous game. As he departed, he said Britain should be "engaged in Europe and strong in Europe, not permanently paraunion, which could not but lysed and seeking isolation as a lead to a political union, the badge of honour".

### 'Drunk' drummer fights sacking for missing beat

John Ezard

A TYMPANIST can destroy the rhythmic harmony of the orchestra completely if he's not in time," the BBC's northern head of music, Trevor Green, told an industrial actional materials. tribunal yesterday.

This, he said, was what happened when Raymond Lomax — principal tympa-nist for the BBC Philhar-monic Orchestra — was playing during a live broadcast to Europe and Canada on January 29. nax came in at the

wrong time and missed other passages of music

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completely. Then "the tym-pany wheel came off the po-dium and obviously made quite a noise", according to Mr Green.

Mr Lomax was removed from the orchestra for the second part of the broad-cast of Peter Maxwell Davis's Flute Concerto. Later he was dismissed for persistent or gross

insobriety". Mr Lomax, of Stockport, is claiming unfair Mr Green denied there was widespread use of alcohol in the orchestra. Most drinking took place after

He told Mr Loman's coun-sel, David Binns: "I'm not a puritan. Certainly I like a drink myself. I do not like drinking in venues where the performance is taking

"But a pre-performance drink is fine and a glass of wine or beer has no effect whatsoever. There have been incidents of drinking previously but perhaps this was the first one with such a key member of the

Mr Lomax had been warned about drinking the previous May. "Up until that date in January he had been playing really well." The hearing continues.



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'He is a vicious, vituperative, vitriolic, objectionable, abusive, arrogant, excretory, disgruntled, cavilling, small-minded, arselicking, toadying sycophant who should never be let near a theatre again' — Michael Bogdanov on the critic he hates the most

# Enter the director, cursing villains

Dan Glaister Arts Corresp

Served the F

ICIOUS, excretory, arse-licking, arrogant." And Theatre director Michael Bog-danov yesterday sparked off a search for the most detested critic in Britain when he pub-

New Statesman.
"I am often asked which critic I dislike most," he wrote. "I am hard-pushed. There are many contenders." There are many contenders."

Mr Bogdanov, artistic director of the English Shake-speare Company, goes on to describe a critic who is a "victions, was Nicholas de Jongh, of the Evening Standerscribe a critic with a string of convictions, was Nicholas de Jongh, of the Evening Standerscribe a critic with a string of contents of the Evening Standard. "I'm mildly amused," he said. "I'm mildly amused," he said. "I'm thick actors and directors who get good reviews are never to be found attacking critics?"

Mr de Jengh also potent that licking toadying sycophant who should never be let near

lished a vitriolic attack in the

The portrait could apply to any one of several critics. Chief suspect for many was Charles Spencer, of the Daily Telegraph. He wrote a damning review of Mr Bogdanov's RSC production of Faust last year in which he described the director as a buffoon and wrote: "One's knee positively itches for Bogdanov's groin."

Mr Spencer willingly accepted the role of chief suspect yesterday. "I'd be honoured I'd be very happy to be his most hated critic. I can't theatre. It's a shame he has so be ruled out. I normally hate all of his productions, although I did like one once.

Mr Bogdanov after his review
of Faust was published which
bore-some similarity to yesterday's article. In the letter,
Mr Bogdanov after his review
'Tr's not precise enough. It's
scatter-gun rhetoric. I think
it's a mischievous device to
get people speculating. Why
doesn't he have the courage to nasty, vicious, viperative name names?" attack on my person and my production ... In case you were thinking of attending the transfer at the Barbican — don't. Furthermore, I do not wish to see you at any of to take sweeter revenge on my productions in the the critics four of them, in-

tion of Faust, which opened at Stratford last year and transferred to the Barbican this autumn, received generally favourable reviews. It was remarked upon for Bogdan-ov's updating of the story, with nudity, video screens, and complicated stage

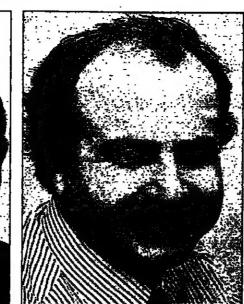
machinery. Chief suspect for many, and

Mr de Jongh also noted that critics wrote for audiences, not for directors. "He wants critics not to be members of the audience but people with special knowledge, which I think is not suitable."

John Peter, of the Sunday

Times, also in the line-up, said: "This mass bollocking of critics is silly. He does something which he deeply disap-proves of in critics, which is to generalise. But we shouldn't be too touchy be-cause we are in the advantamuch ill-feeling bottled up." The Guardian's Michael

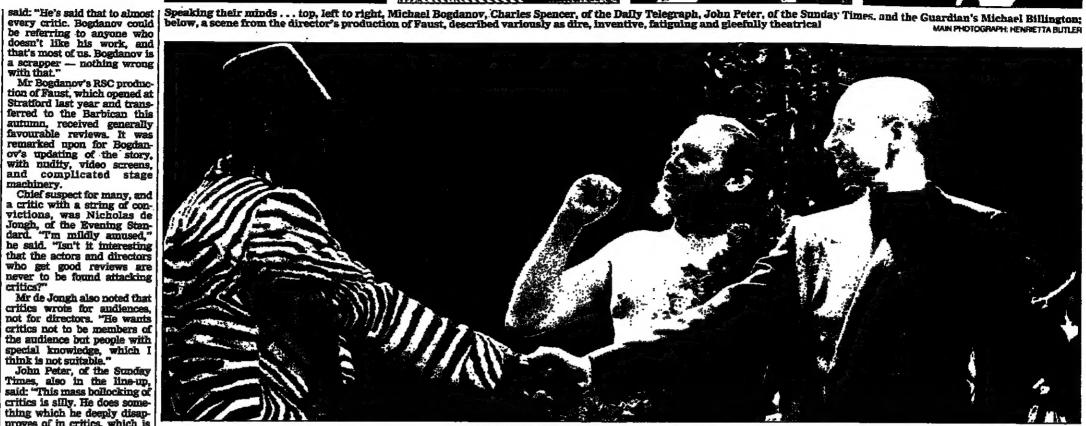
Billington, an early suspect Mr Spencer revealed that who has since been elimi-he had received a letter from nated from inquiries, said:











### . And what the theatre critics say about Michael Bogdanov

Extracts from reviews of Faust at The Swan, Stratford-on-Avon, September 1995

Charles Spencer

Daily Telegraph It's a dirty job but omeone's got to do it, and after more than six hours of crass gimmickry, putting the boot into Michael Bogdanov's dire production of Goethe's masterpiece pleasure...One experiences a similar revulsion as this dreadful

director, who has been so aptly nicknamed Bodger, gets his clumsy mitts on ye another masterpiece of future."

Case proven? Apparently not. Another suspect, the Observer's Michael Coveney.

The critical four of them, including Mr de Jongh and Mr world drama... His world drama... His guality is a certain vigour... What's particularly irkson world drama . . . His one quality is a certain crude particularly irksome here

is that all the japes and wizard wheezes are so drearly familiar . . . One's knee positively itches for Bogdanov's groin . . . But then suffering is what this Faust is all about. The cast suffer, the audience suffer, and Goethe suffers most of all as this buffoon of a director wreaks havoc on a

The Guardian
A powerful theatrical vent: proof that the RSC is often at its best when

dealing with the impossible ...a long day is sustained by Bogdanov's visual inventiveness ... but Goethe's huge epic. although subjected to critical re-evaluation, is

still presented with undeniable panache.

The Observer Dull it ain't. Great, neither. A bit of a knees-up. Good use of trapezes... Bogdanov's rather oldfashioned stream of sight-gaggery and actors in the audience wears you down.

Michael Coveney

The Times The first part lasts for

about three hours, and the second continues for another three . . . there are several occasions when members of the audience

can discontinue the fatiguing experience simply by not resuming their seats. John Peter

and extraordinarily unever production. Bogdanov handles Faust's intricate

architecture scrupulously and masterfully . . . but he is also capable of the most

| Paul Taylor | The Independence | Bogdanov | Bo barbarous vulgarities.

Benedict Nightingale There were times when I caught myself wondering if

, too, had been stuck with the play for 60 years or so. The ending is silly, vulgar This is a riveting, exciting | stuff, which momentarily makes you wonder if Bogdanov is reviving the play in order to mock it.

The Independent
Bogdanov's production shows what fluency can be achieved with trapezes, a tilting two-way mirror for upernatural visions . . and a very active trap at the centre of the stage.

Sarah Hemmine Michael Bogdanov rises with a gleefully theatrical production . . .

# Rate rise fear over prices

City pushes for dearer loans as Clarke shrugs off 'aberration'

Larry Effett Economics Editor

last night battling to stave off growing City demands for a fresh rise in interest rates after official data showed inflation at its Sterling surged on the for-

eign exchanges as dealers an-ticipated a call for dearer bor-rowing from the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, in the wake of the The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, shrugged off the in-crease in the underlying

annual rate from 29 per cent to 3.3 per cent as a statistical aberration — as did the Prime Minister in Commons clashes with Labour leader Tony with Labour leader Tony Blair. After pushing up rates by a quarter-point to six percent a formight ago, the Government is eager to avoid a further increase when the went no because the sharp fall in the cost of living in Oct ernment is eager to avoid a further increase when the poor state of public finances has precluded a generous pre-election Budget.

went up because the sharp fall in the cost of living in October 1995 ceased to be included in the latest 12 month.

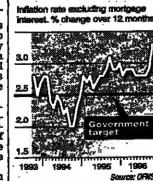
(excluding mortgages) infla-tion rate well above its 2.5 per that annual inflation rose cant target, the City is expecting Mr Clarke to come under strong pressure from Mr monthly rise since August 1990, when the two next 1990, when the Iraqi invasion

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Rising inflation



"As I have repeatedly demonstrated, policy is set to meet our inflation target. That is why we are sustaining our best performance on inflation in 50 years."

But with the underlying total As a result, the all-items of Kuwait sent world oil

the rate excluding mortgages was also the heftlest for more than six years and means that it has not been below 2.5 per cent for 20 months.

Officials said housing costs, rising petrol prices and the slackening of the price war among insurance companies were the three main factors behind the rise in the annual rate last month. However. early Christmas discounts by off licences, mid-season sales in stores selling household goods and cheaper leisure goods helped to partly offset the upward pressure on

inflation. Mr Blair told the Commons that the inflation rise should "set warning lights flashing". "How do you square if with your promise, made just a few months ago, that you would meet your inflation target by the end of this year?
"If your inflation figures were so good, why did inter-est rates have to go up?"

The Prime Minister saidthe Chancellor had raised interest rates "to prevent inflation rising not as a result of the inflation that is there." Recalling that inflation had

peaked at 27 per cent under the last Labour government, he said: "What you cannot tomach is that the British economy is in better shape than any Labour Government has ever been able to put it, that they could not match the condition that it's in, and you will do everything you can to pursue grievance politics and damage the British economy

### **Executives** scoop £27m in utilities bonanza

continued from page 1 and Northern Electric by US

Mr Lang is under pressure to refer the bids by Nebraskabased Calknergy and Virginian utility Dominion Resources to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to suppress further controversy in the run-up to the election. Labour will claim these fig-ures justify its plans for windfall taxes on the public utili-ties. Critics will also see the

pay-offs as proof that the Government-backed Green-

bury committee on executive

pay has failed. One company, Seeboard, awarded a total of more than 400,000 share options to five of its directors in June last year, espite the fact that the Green bury committee was consider ing how to rein back the huge payouts arising from options. Pive months later this tranche of options alone made the directors up to £975,000 when the US utility Central and South West Corporation bid £1.6 billion for Seeboard

with the backing of the UK company board. One electricity company sought to insulate its staff, in-cluding executives, from tax and national insurance on the hefty gains. Bought by Welsh Water and renamed Hyder, South Wales Electricity discloses that it set aside £5.7 million to meet those costs for holders of share options.

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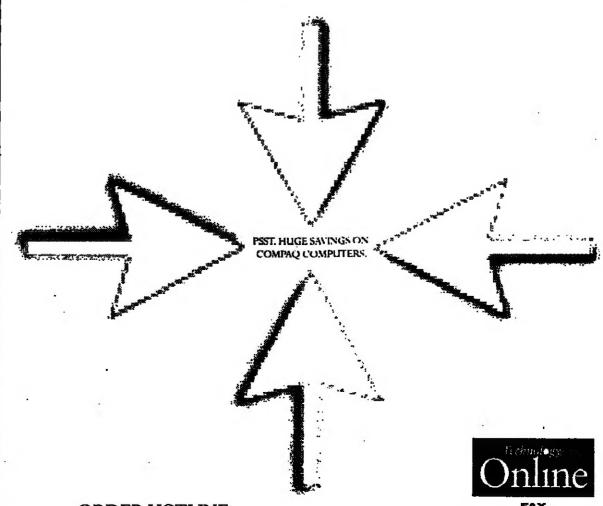
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When white directors shun Hollywood and persist in making interesting, complex, thought-provoking films, they get totally undeserved Academy Awards. When Spike Lee does it, he gets dissed. Joe Queenan on America's most difficult director

Friday Review cover story

**News in brief** 

### Woman loses case against Lincoln dean

VERITY FREESTONE, the woman who alleged she had an affair with the Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, yesterday lost her right to pursue him for legal retribution in the county court.

On the application of legues and interfer Dean Boundary.

On the application of lawyers acting for Dean Brandon
Jackson, a district judge at Lincoln ruled that an action by Miss Freestone for trespass against the person naming the dean as the man responsible should be struck out. He upheld a submission on behalf of the dean that the action was "frivolous and veratious" and ordered Miss Freestone to pay the dean's costs.

Miss Freestone, 32, has 14 days to decide whether to appeal. She had intended to use this latest action to once again allege the dean had an affair with her, a claim already rejected at a consistory court hearing which found that the dean was not guilty of improper behaviour during the time she worked at the cathedral as a verger. — Alon Watkins

#### Ski instructors win

THE European Commission has intervened to defend the rights

of British ski instructors, ruling that a ban on them teaching on the French and Italian pistes is illegal.

Mario Monti, the EU internal market commissioner, has said British instructors will, from this winter, be free to teach sking. France and Italy have long been under pressure from Brussels to open up their slopes to foreign instructors as required by EU directives. But in spite of this foreign instructors have been prevented from working in French and Italian resorts on the grounds that they are not adequately qualified. — John

### Whitehall to monitor MI5

A WHITEHALL committee has been set up to monitor the performance of MI5. The unit — the Sub-Committee on Security Service Priorities and Performance follows a secret review of the work of the security and intelligence agencies conducted by Sir Michael Quinlan, former permanent secretary at the Ministry of

It includes senior officials from the Treasury, Home Office. Foreign Office, Department of Social Security, the Northern Ireland Office and Department of Trade and Industry. — Richard Norton-Taylor

### Sir John Soane's expands

ONE of the most eccentric museums in the country, Sir John Soane's in London, has bought the the Grade I listed house next door in Lincoln's Inn Fields with £500,000 from the Heritage

The museum already owns two of the three houses designed by the antiquarian and architect of the Bank of England, to display his own collections. The third, never seen by the public and with Scane's only intact London town house interior, will be used to display more of the collections stuffed into the present buildings, including 9,000 architectural drawings by the Adam brothers. tored in a converted Victorian wardrobe. — Maen Kennety

### Disaster rules ignored

FRW hospitals are complying with government guidelines on planning for disesters, researchers say today. The guidelines stipulate contingency plans needed in case of an air crash or similar disaster. These include issuing "action cards" to inform staff of their duties and systems for dealing with injured children, police, the media and VIP visits.

Researchers led by Simon Carley from the department of emergency medicine, Manchester Royal infirmary, found that the guidelines, introduced in 1990, were met fully by only six out of 142 hospitals whose emergency action plans were studied.

### **Living South Africa**

THE Living South Africa Memorial, mentioned in a recort about Jenny Joseph's poem, Warning, on October 12, is a British fund set up to support education for the living in memory of citizens of all races who died in apartheid-related violence.

Projects range from supplying a Soweto centre with books for 1,000 children to countrywide programmes for art and science teaching, training teachers and providing science centres and mobile labs. The fund is at PO Box 4063, London SW1H 9XL.

### Salvage on the Hanover

FOLLOWING our article "Silence is golden for diver given treasure rights" (October 28), the Receiver of Wrecks has asked us to point out that a recent meeting to discuss salvage due on the Hanover, which sank off Cornwall in 1763, dealt only with items already recovered. No conclusion was reached on other items not



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TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES 01908 373077 University education and training open to all adults. Vice-chancellors claim a disaffected underclass will be created if universities fail to expand intake

# Call for 25pc more students

John Carvel

HE Government must lift its artifi-cial celling on num-bers of students at university or risk the creation of an unstable society with a disaffected and disenfranchised underclass unable to break through into he high-skill tobs, vice-chancellors warned yesterday.

numbers would be needed for 30 years. He is due to over the next seven years to report next summer. meet Britain's economic needs and satisfy the aspirations of increasingly well require a radical overhaul of qualified young people. Universities would also have to cope with hig growth in particular trips study. time study.

The Committee of Vice-

in a submission to Sir Ron | Dearing's committee of inquiry into higher education. said: "Morally, anyone who can benefit from higher education should be able to do so. Socially, we cannot afford to have ... a large unemployed underclass. Economically, we cannot afford to have lower levels of participation in higher education than our

Sir Ron has been asked by the Government and Labour to conduct the most thorough A further 25 per cent in to conduct the most thorough rease in full-time student review of higher education

The vice-chancellors said the further growth would years and the cuts in last year's budget were "one step

meet demand, there would be a funding shortfall of £5.8 billion by 2006/06. The state, employers and graduates would all have to pay more to maintain the quality of

higher education.
"As a first step, all mainte-nance grants should cease and the costs of maintenance themselves, supported by more generous loans." But if this was not enough to meet the shortfall in gov-

ernment funding, as the vicechancellors expect, students may have to pay tuition fees. The squeeze on university funding had "a savage effect" on the pay of staff, who will mount a nationwide one-day strike on Tuesday. "Over the past 20 years the salary of a typical university teacher has gone up by 8 per cent in real terms, while that of his pri-

creased by 35 per cent," said Gareth Roberts, CVCP chair-

stop trying to compete with each other to be all things to all students. They should specialise and collaborate, sharing facilities for research and teaching. Students would be expected to become more mobile, taking course modules at the institution with

versities, but was not a quick fix to cut costs.

"We cannot risk increasing

If the sector expanded to many school colleague has in- No letters after their names,

The universitles should but they're not short of kudos or cash

the best provision.

Information technology had enormous potential for uni-

the gap between those with high skills and those with low skills - or none at all. The uneducated will become disaffected and disenfranchised. Widespread alienation poses society," the CVCP said.

OHN Major can hardly be categorised as a member of the educational underclass which the vicechancellors see as the fate of clever-enough people who do not manage to get to university, writes John

Although the Prime Minster's route from Rutlish grammar school to Downing Street never passed through college, any chip on his shoulder does not appear to be lack of intellectual self-esteem. He has disadvantage.

made it to the top. Role models abound of successful people across the professions who never got a

from Winston Churchill to James Callaghan and Norman Tebbit, an academic qualification was never a requirement in

In business, Richard Branson, Anita Roddick, Alan Sugar and John Harvey-Jones got to the top without a vellum certificate to wave at interview.

Sir Peter Kemp climbed to the top of the Civil Service and Michael Holroyd became Britain's perhaps most celebrated biographer without letters after their names. In journalism and the police service, graduate status may only recently have stopped being a

## Surgeon with Aids virus gets clearance to operate

**Erland Clouston** 

SURGEON diagnoses as HIV positive will begin operating again by Christmas, although paients will be asked if they obect, health chiefs said

George Browning, aged 55, an ear specialist, will be allowed to carry out about four out of five of the type of operation he performed be-fore being excluded.

Yesterday, Professor Browning appealed for simi-larly infected health profesionals to identify themselves. The decision of the West Glasgow NHS Trust to authorise his return to invasive surgery should reassure colleagues worried that seeking diagnosis and counselling could jeopardise their careers, he said.

He has waged a discreet campaign to regain access to he speciality in which he has an international reputation. Some of the strain of his two year struggle showed yester-day when he acknowledged he had often been tempted to

abandon his light.
Prof Browning, who con-tracted the Alds virus through gay sex, has been ex-cluded from the trust's operating theatres since Decem-ber 1994. He restrained any sense of grievance, attribu-ting his medical quarantine to "a lack of thought and knowledge on everybody's be-half'. He had been confined to

The decision to allow him to resume surgery follows prolonged negotiations be-tween the trust and the Department of Health's UK Advisory Panel for Healthcare Workers Infected with Blood borne Viruses (Ukap). He is expected to resume work beexpected to resume fore Christmas.

Prof Browning has argued that it was foolish to deny pa-tients and trainee surgeons his expertise when there was He is threatening the AA no practical likelihood of his with legal action.

transmitting HIV during ear operations which rely on long-range techniques. "It became obvious to me

that the kind of surgery I did ... would not put the patient at risk," he said yesterday. The final willingness of Ukap and his employers to accept this point of view will be welcomed by the HIV-infected NHS workers who have is requiring them to disclose their condition.

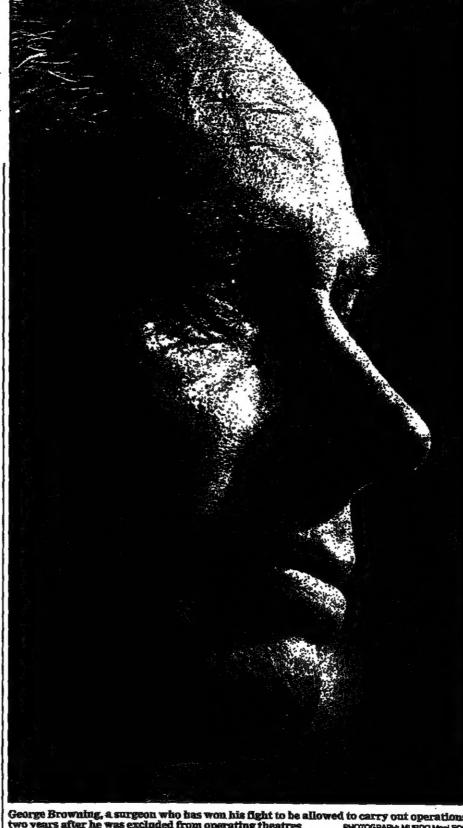
"Today's positive move has shown that, if handled cor-rectly, it is to everybody's adrecity, it is to everybody's ad-vantage," said Prof Brown-ing, who revealed that he had been contacted by several HIV carriers working in the health service. "People have been in touch, and understandably so, because they

### Infected health workers will be encouraged to disclose condition

are frightened," he said. Prof Browning appeared confident that his condition would not deter patients. "Over the last nine months I have been raising the question [with them] and I've been absolutely delighted with the response," he

Patients will be informed of Prof Browning's condition, and, if prepared to accept form. They will not lose their place on the waiting list. The AA is investigating claims that two rescue

drivers refused to help a motorist who was HIV posttive. Dave Turner, aged 31, from Swanley, in Kent, was left stranded after two con-tract drivers refused to tow his car away when he told them he was disabled because of being HIV positive.



George Browning, a surgeon who has won his fight to be allowed to carry out operations two years after he was excluded from operating theatres PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MECLEDO

# 1 in 10 women fight off HIV

Chris Mihill Medical Correspon

CIENTISTS are conpeople appear to have a natural ability to fight of the Aids virus and remain free of illness despite being repeat-

edly exposed to it.

There have been a number of studies of prostitutes in Africa and gay men in America where some people have con-sistently been found free of HIV although they were at high risk of contracting it. Now doctors from Kenys and Canada are reporting on a group of prostitutes from

Nairobi, where around one in 10 have remained free of the virus over a 10-year period. The researchers have been following 424 women in a slum area of the city where virus is rife and unsai

sex with infected men is Although the majority of the women have become infected, the researchers say in the Lancet that HIV cannot be

detected in 43 of the women. The findings suggest that some people have a natural immunity to HIV.

The doctors, led by Francis Plummer of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, say that within two years of the study starting, blood tests showed more than half of the women had become infected, and that statisticialy all should have been infected by the end of the 10 years.

The doctors say it is unlikely all 43 women escaped because they practised safe sex or were lucky enough to encounter uninfected men. They say there were no differ-ences in the behaviour of "clear" women and that of colleagues who became

Another possibility, "that these seronegative women are resistant to HIV infection seems to be the logical conclusion".

### Two schoolgirls admit kicking teenager to death at fairground

NHS trusts in deficit as executives take pay rise

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

MORE than half all MHS trusts last year failed in their duty to achieve their financial targets and almost one in five returned a deficit. figures released today show.
The number of trust chief executives paid more than

£100,000 nevertheless rose from 10 to 19. Their average remuneration was £71,400, an increase of 3.5 per cent on the 1994/95 financial year. The figures, from the

Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), part of the Chartered Institute of Public Fi-nance and Accountancy, fol-low more evidence of NHS funding problems. Doctors in Exeter said yesterday that 2,700 patients due operations before next April would have to wait longerbecause the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital had to cancel 20 weekly

The HFMA figures, from more than 90 per cent of trusts in England, show that 210 of 372 supplying figures for 1995/96 falled to meet the requirement that they achieve a 6 per cent rate of return on their assets.

## Major rejects call for free vote on gun ban

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

OHN Major yesterday rejected a last-minute plea by parents of pupils killed by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane for a free vote on a total gun ban in the Comm on Monday night.

The parents emerged from the meeting disappointed but determined to keep up their campaign for a total ban. One parent said Mr Major had admitted he had "ago-nised" before making the

Without a free vote, the Government is unlikely to be defeated on its proposal to limit the gim han to those above 22 calibre. If the Government wins, Labour will turn it into an election issue by promising that a Labour government will introduce a total ban almost immediately. A shadow cabinet source said the bill will be on the statute book and it would be easy and quick to bring in

Three parents, Les Morton, Martyn Dunn and John Cro-zier, saw Mr Major for more than 40 minutes yesterday. Mr Morton, who lost his daughter Emily, expressed his disap-

pointment by predicting: David Mellor and Robert
"There will be no Tory MPs in
Scotland after this."
In the Commons Mr Major
In the Commons Mr Major

said firearms legislation was not traditionally considered a matter for a free vote: "We ought not to forget precisely what this legislation is about "It's about the controls we place on legally held firearms and the right of law-abiding citizens to use those firearms

responsibly.
That seems to be a matte on which it is right for the Government to take a position, as the House expected before the Cullen report was presented to it.
"We have done so. Fire-

arms legislation has not tradi-tionally been considered on a free vote in this House, and we are not inviting the House to do so on this occasion. The parents also met the Labour leader, Tony Blair, and the Ulster Unionists yesterday. One of the parents described the mood of the Unionists as "generally not unsupportive", although some of them have already said they do not want a total

Up to six Tories are expected to defy the Govern-ment's three-line whip, in-cluding two former ministers, stance on the issue, and Hugh

Dykes. The parents said they understood why Tories were unwilling to defy the whip, but praised those willing to rebel for having the courage of their convictions". They challenged Mr Major over his decision to allow his backbenchers, but not minis-

ters, a free vote over whether to reintroduce corporal punshment in schools. "He said that was not a matter of much concern. He fobbed us off," said Mr Morton. But he denied the meeting had been a waste of time: "He was very polite. He gave us 40

minutes. We were thankful for that "If you define a waste of time something where nothing constructive is achieved, I suppose you could say that in some respects it was.

"It can never be a waste of time trying to convince some-one that what we are trying to

WO schoolgiris yesterday admitted kicking to death teenager who intervened to split up a fight at a fairground

spit up a tight at a mirgi unit earlier this year.

The 13-year-old girls, who cannot be identified, admitted the manslaughter of Louise Allen, aged 13, at Nottingham crown court. They were origi-nally charged with murder, but the prosecution accepted

their plea. Louise, from Corby, Northamptonshire, died from her injuries on April 30 when her life support machine was switched off the day after the

Richard Latham QC, prosecuting, told the court a fight had broken out between the younger of the two defendants, then aged 12, and a girl near the fairground. Louise intervened, but the older deendant attacked her, pulling her away by the hair.
Mr Latham said: "It was

during the next few seconds . that Louise Allen received injuries to her head which led to her death."

"But we want to put our point of view across to as many people as we can You can't get higher than the Prime Minister.

"But we want to put our to her death."

He continued: "The evidence of the witness statements suggests that the first defendant kicked Louise ments suggests that the first defendant kicked Louise Allen to the head and there. after the second defendant did

He said: "There is no doubt

what they were doing was wrong. It is acknowledged by each of them in interview. But that in itself is a long way from proof of the specific intent required for murder." He said the knowledge of the consequences of such a kick

could be assumed in an adult but not in a child. The prosecution decided it would be improper to pursue a murder charge after consultation with Louise's parents and the Crown Prosecution

Sally Bennett-Jenkins, representing the older defendant, said her client had acted "in feelings of temper, frustration and anger". She had gone to the aid of her friend who she perceived as being outnumbered, pulling Louise

away. They had pulled each other's hair, and as they struggled, Louise fell back-wards. The defendant flicked up her leg and part of her foot came into contact with

Louise's head. Howard Morrison, representing the other defendant. said that, after the tussle with the first girl, his client had turned towards Louise, who was lying on the ground and "aimed a kick at her".

Mr Justice Hidden adjourned the case for sentenc-ing. Both defendants were

### Kamal Ahmed and Roy Greenslade on Fergie book tussle

Murky tabloid battle for readers sees Express falling victim to a right royal sting

1 in 10

Women

fight

off HIV



The Duchess of York brandishing a copy of her autobiography, My Story, which was officially published in Britain yesterday Prot

S THE Duchess of York poured her heart out to the BBC's Today programme yesterday, the spotlight was finally moving off her and on to even murkier affairs — the middle market newspaper battle for readers and one of the most remarkable stings in the his-tory of tabloid journalism. Yesterday police were pre-

paring to interview senior ex-ecutives at the Daily Express as part of an investigation into the alleged theft of pre-publication copies of Allan Starkie's book, Fergie: Her Secret Life, which was due to be serialised in the Express's arch rival, the Daily Mail.

Anita Monk, the wife of the Express's deputy editor, Ian Monk, has already been arrested on suspicion of their and handling stolen goods. She was arrested at a hotel

at Heathrow earlier this ation involving the police and the Sun newspaper. She is believed to have thought she was meeting journalists from the Sun but in fact was talk-

Two proof copies of Mr Starkie's book were found in

On the day the Mail began the extracts the Express ran similar details of the duch-ess's relationship with John Bryan and how her children were upset by rows between the two. Senior publishing sources said the Express could only have known such

The arrest and allegations of backroom deals come at an embarrassing time for the Ex-press which has been trying to claw back some of the hun-dreds of thousands of readers it has lost to the Mail over the past decade. The battle for the 7 million readers of the middle market press is one of the most ferocious in Britain.

The fight between the two reached fever pitch over Mr Starkie's book. When the Daily Mail signed a deal with Michael O'Mara Books, Mr Starkie's publishers, for exclusive serialisation rights, the Starkie's publishers, when the starkie's publishers, when the starkie's publishers, for exclusive serialisation rights, the Express began planning a "spolling" operation to steal some of the Mail's thunder... The Mail paid around £170,000 for the rights.

One Express journalist was dispatched to Finland where the European edition of the a freelance journalist was contacted in America to work on getting the version that was being published there. The journalist in America

discovered that the Star, a gossip magazine with a circulation of 3 million, had obtained proof copies of the book. A copy had earlier been obtained from the printer's factory in Pennsylvania.

The Express was offered copies of the book and agreed a deal with the Star which is

information by obtaining a and the journalist was or-copy of the book, in breach of copyright agreements signed with the Mail.

The arrival and ellocations carrying in a brown suitcase. When he arrived the Express shredded the faxed copies.

Then the Sun became in-volved. A woman purporting to be from Mr Starkie's Finn-ish printers told Charlle Rae, the Sun's royal correspondent, she had a copy of the book which she was willing to sell for £5,000. As the Sun already had a deal with the Star to run extracts, the newspaper declined and contacted O'Mara books to say copies of the book were in circulation.

ICHAEL O'Mara, who runs the publishing company, immediately telephoned the police who arranged to meet the woman at Heathrow, saying they were journalists.

Mrs Monk was arrested on

the Mail's serialisation began. The case will increase pressure on the Press Complaints Commission to toughen guidelines on buying stories and "spoiler campaigns" which dog the newspaper in-dustry. The duchess has said it is time attention was drawn to the way tabloid newspapers operated when investi-gating the royal family. Friends have said she wants privacy laws tightened.

Her interview on Radio 4's

news, a slot more usually reserved for the Prime Minis-

ter or world leaders.
Senior BBC executives admitted the interview would probably raise a few eyebrows among more traditional lis-teners but added it was impossible to give up the chance to interview "one of the most talked about and important

people of the moment".

Today ran the interview to coincide with the official publication date of her autobiog

raphy, My Story.

The duchess reiterated that she had made a number of mistakes but refused to confirm she had had affairs. "I haven't admitted it," she told presenter Sue MacGregor. "I think there are very firmly two sides to every story."

The duchess, who was in-terviewed in a hotel last week, said she had turned to lowest points" - when the Daily Mirror published pictures of her cavorting with Mr Bryan in France.

"That was purely faith that got me through," she said. "Asking for forgiveness. Realising that you have made a mistake and asking for help

She also said she became a compulsive shopper because she was so depressed. "I wasn't addicted to alcohol or drugs or bulimia. Rather than believed to have cost the Today programme yesterday have any of those I overspent newspaper £20,000. Pages was the first broadcast interwere faxed to the newspaper view since revelations of her bility for that."

### The programme gave the item Duchess may not be able to stop to minutes after its 8.10am spending money on herself spending money on herself

SHE has finally admitted Sit. In her interview on the BBC's Today programme yesterday the Duchess of York said she was addicted to shopping,

writes Ramal Ahmed.
The idea of "shopsholics"
may induce sniggers but psychologists have long psychologists have long recognised a syndrome known as onomania; the inability, even when over budget, to stop spending money on yourself.

It is a condition which could affect hundreds, possibly thousands, of people, most of them women. Last

year the Government agreed funding for research at Oxford university to find

the extent of the problem. Experts say shopping gives respite from low self-"Money is valued, so spending it lavishly similarly attention.

this may be a way of bol-stering one's self-esteem," said Corinne Usher, a clinical psychologist.
"Shopping is a great dis-

traction. It takes time and it takes effort. But spending so much money can of course cause further diffi-culties. People can amass huge debts."

The duchess's debts have

been estimated at 23.5 million, run up after holidays abroad including flights on Concorde and shopping trips in New York. Jackie Onassis was another "shopaholic", able to spend \$100,000 on one shopping

trip.
Experts say that partners will often shop in revenge against their partners, who

# **Abduction** warning for schools

Peter Hetherington

in Lincolnshire yesterday confirmed they had issued a warning to all their schools about a self-confessed child abductor who they believe could pose a risk to pupils.

The move came as maken and the pass it on to parents. A police the self-confidence and not to pass it on to parents. A police the self-confidence and not to pass it on to parents. in Lincolnshire yes-

All 320 schools in the county have been warned that 46-year-old David Hunter, a freelance photographer, is an unstable loner with an interest in girls of primary age.

Lincolnshire county council said yesterday it had sent a warning least the man had not been the county for the man had not been a sent the man had not been the county for the man had not been the county have been warned that the county have been warned that shire's chief probation officer, said certain aspects of recent behaviour had led to a joint decision to circulate schools.

a warning letter to head teachers after privice from police and the probation ser-vice. Sources indicated that the letter contained a warn-ing that a newspoper cutting on the Dunblane shooting had been found in Hunter's

accommodation.

Hunter, a keen body builder, who has been living in Boston, admitted six charges of abducting young children in the summer of last team division in the summer of last year during a hearing at Lincoln crown court.

ing intensive supervision and a requirement that he should undergo psychiatric treatment. It is thought he was
given probation rather than a
jail term because the offences
involved him enticing children to his home and persuading them to pose for

hotographs. Tarkes them photographs, rather than

forceful abductions. Yesterday the council's education department said it had circulated schools because an unnamed individual "might

to children". In a statement, it added: "This is part of our normal practice, although DUCATION officials used extremely rarely, and is

could pose a risk to pupus.

The move came as probation officers revealed that the man is under a high level of surveillance.

All 320 schools in the Sheriden Minshull, Lincolnshire's chief probation officer.

But the man had not been charged with any further offence and was complying with the requirements of a probation order.
"From the outset, the case

has been managed under ... high risk offender procedures involving a high level of sur-veillance and exchanges of information with police and other relevant organisa-tions," said Mr Minshell. The case is likely to in-crease calls for the Govern-

ment to introduce Americanstyle systems under which communities are alerted He was given the maximum communities are alerted when potentially dangerous years, with conditions including offenders move into their area. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is said to be

er's lodgings, criticised the education authority for not making the issue public. "I cannot believe we were not warned about this character's past," one mother said. "He has been roaming free among us for a year and our children

### Couple and boys found dead

THE bodies of a married four were so. Post-mortem ex-couple and three boys, aminations were to be held aged six, 10 and 15, may have today. lain undiscovered for up to 48

be considered to pose a threat

hours, police said yesterday. The bodies were found yesterday in a house in Chadwell Heath, Essex, after a friend of one of the children reported them missing from school for two days. Police believed all five were related.

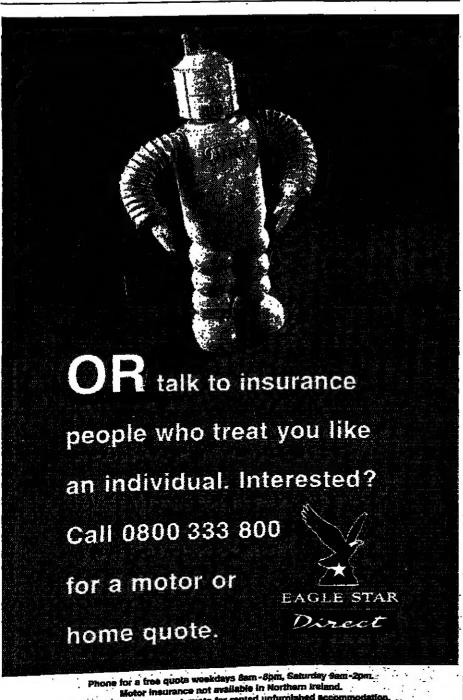
A Scotland Yard spokesman

said: "We believe we have identified the five who are all believed to be related but we cannot release names until next-of-kin have been informed.
"The family's cars were

parked outside the house death of the man as suspi-cious, but did think the other continuing."

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### Grief blamed by viscount for drink driving

VISCOUNT Weymouth, heir to the Marquess of Bath, yesterday blamed his drink driving on his grief after the death of his girlfriend in a terrorist bomb attack in India.

Ceawlin Henry Thynn, aged 22, had almost three times the legal limit of alcohol in his blood when he was stopped by police in his Alfa Romeo sports car after he went through a red light in Kensington, London.
His girlfriend, Jane Kirby.

29, had been killed in the blast in a New Delbi hostel six months earlier, Horseferry Road magistrates were told. Thynn was seriously injured in the explosion, which also killed his business partner. Alexander Cameron, de-fending, told the court Thynn

have been Miss Kirby's Thynn, said to be unemployed and living on £46 a week benefit, was fined £500 and barred from driving for

had gone out in an emotional state on the eve of what would

Giving his address as Long-leat House in Warminster, he pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol in Kensington on October 2.

Bruce Butler, prosecuting, told the court it was about 2.15am when Thynn went through a red light and stopped in the middle of a junction in Kensington High Street. He was stopped by police and falled a breath test. Mr Cameron urged magis trates to take into account the emotional circumstances that led Thynn to drink too much

that night.
The chairman, Fred Binks, said the court was taking the mitigation into account but the alcohol reading was very



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Dangers of peacekeeping in Zaire

# Rebels without a united cause

Chris McGreal in Goma reports on the threat to the Western aid mission from the various military factions

and American troops descend on eastern on eastern Zaire they will encounter an array of rebel groups whose leaders may claim unity but which are as fractured as those they are

fighting On the one side is a rebel alliance which gathers up long dormant guerrilla groups with roots in post-in-dependence nationalist and Marxist stirrings; Zairean Tutsis driven to rebellion by state-sponsored persecution; and Rwandan soldiers.

On the other are the Hutu exiremists who fled Rwanda two years ago; their local counterparts; and the Zairean military, which is an army

only in name.

Thrown into the mix is a bizarre group of renegades who fight naked, believe they can turn bullets to water and who show no loyalty to any cause but their own.

Laurent Kabila, the guer-rilla leader, draws together a runa reader, draws together a jumble of uneasy partners under the umbrella of his Al-liance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire. It has seized large parts of eastern Zaire, including the

regional capital, Goma. Mr Kabila's own movement, from the southern prov-ince of Shabe, figures prominently. So do guerrillas from neighbouring Kasai, led by Andre Kissasse Ngandu who is thought to be the alliance's

military mind. But there is little love lost between Shaba and Kasai ofter the ethnic cleansing of about 1 million Kasaians from Shaba three years ago. And while both men say they have no intention of breaking up Zaire, support for insurgen-cies in each of their provinces has largely been driven by de-

HEN British border regions around and American Rwanda and Burundi, where the fighting began. Also included are the Banyamulenge
— Zairean Tutsis who rebelled to defend themselves state-sponsored from persecution.

According to Mr Kabila, the of the Banyamulenge pro vided the foundation for the uprising and his rebels' astonishing success in the past month. But he has his own reason to resent Zaire's Tut-sis. Mr Kabila was a follower of the revolutionary Pierre Mulels at a time when the Banyamulenge were fighting in support of the Zairean gov-ernment to crush his

The uneasiness of the alliance can be seen in bela-boured decision-making and contradictory statements. One group agrees to let aid in, another blocks it. Mr Kabila says the rebels will hit the Hutu militias in the camps, Mr Kissasse says not. Mr Kabila says he is in charge, Mr Kissasse hints otherwise.

On the roadblocks around Goma there are signs that it might be someone else alto-gether. The "rebels" in the smart uniforms carrying the best equipment often speak English Some are Zairean Tutsis driven from their homes by Hutu militia attacks in the past two years who have been trained and turned around to invade their

own country.
The English-speakers are almost certainly members of the Rwandan army who grew up as Tutsi exiles in neighouring Uganda or Tanzania. One young "rebel" at a roadblock insisted — in perfect Engish — he was born and bred in Goma. He did not speak a word of French,

Zaire's national language. Mr Kabila and the Rwan-



Boats loaded with refugees fleeing fighting arrive in Goma yesterday. Many others are waiting to leave as local people try to find a safe place to live

are few in either Rwanda or Zaire who believe them. Some wonder how, after so many years of obscurity, Mr Kabila has suddenly proven so suc-cessful. For others the decisive evidence is the nature of the rebels' campaign which has concentrated on clearing the Rwandan refugee camps and Hutu militias which have The alliance also draws dan government continue to used them as a base for cross-together guerrilias from the deny any collaboration. There border raids.

gees brought it on themselves.
"What concerns us is not the refugees but to liberate Zaire. The refugees are on our national territory. They're armed, they participated in the attacks. We have to defend ourselves," he argued.

Confronting the rebel alliance is an assortment of allies in Zaire.

One Hutu militia group — came into its own. It joined cibility, they do not wash gave up early on. With defeat innocuously called the Vi-

what it could and ran. The defeated Rwandan

army and Hutu militia, the in-tershamwe, which fled into Zaire two years ago, have proved more resilient Driven by a belief that they could one day reconquer their homeland, they have spawned new

Mr Kissasse says the refu- | looming, it routinely looted | runga Farmers and Herders | nic cleansing of the Masist Association - was founded in 1989 by Zaire's current educa-tion minister. The association targeted Zairean Tutsis, accusing them of being foreigners in an attempt to drive them from valuable land. When the Rwandan Hutu extremists fled into Zaire two

region, north-west of Goma.
Thrown into the mix are the May May, who fight any-one who gets in the way of their pursuit of land. Their ideological roots are embedded in Mr Mulele's rebellion, but they have a strong faith in magic. May May recruits are

PHOTOGRAPH: PETER ANDREWS to have sex with women Many fight naked or dressed with leaves. As they attack they shout "may", Swahili for water, believing that it will

turn enemy bullets to water. They have shown little sympathy for the rebel alliance and its foreign allies.

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# Unpopular French could court more trouble British troops may be

### Alex Duval Smith

in Paris reports on concern that their presence could threaten the safety of soldiers from other countries

RANCE'S political and military record in Zaire and Rwanda means its pers will be targets of rebel fire and their pres-ence could endanger the lives of troops from other countries, a high-ranking French military source ad-

mitted yesterday. As a foreign ministry offi-cial indicated that France was offering between 1,500 and 2,000 troops to the multinational force, it became clear that military top brass have been lobbying for a smaller French contingent.

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France is perceived as a supporter of Hutu extremists. "The Rwandans do not want us there, the Tutsi rebels have declared us a target ...

countries," he said. He conceded that France "will be blamed if there are deaths among other peace-keepers or if the operation is discredited" and added that peacekeepers from African

The high-ranking source said that while the French military has nothing to be ashamed of in the region, also become targets.

countries which have close ventionist Africa policy have been allayed by the decision to place the multinational force under Canadian com-

France has stronger politi-cal and industrial links with Zaire than with any other major African nation and its president, Mobutu Sese Seko. pends most of his time on the and we are in far greater dan-ger than troops from other

French Riviera.

Human Rights Watch, an international watchdog, believes Hutus from Rwanda were armed and trained by France while in exile in Zair ean refugee camps. The French have been accused of using Operation Turquoise in the summer of 1994 as a cover for leading Hutus implicated in the Rwandan genocide to safety in Zaire.

President Jacques Chirac leader to call for international intervention and who criticised the US for procrastina-tion, has ended up keen to play for time. French military chiefs

who will deploy their rapid intervention force within 48 hours of the UN's approval are now following closely the negotiations over the multinational mandate.

mand — but only partially "There is a danger that French soldiers will be assigned to filling in pot-holes while the US base themselves at Goma and Entebbe," said one military source. "Uganda

is a no-go area for France."

French military personnel could, however, play a crucial role in future negotiations over aid routes. UN food aid workers agree that to run convoys from Kisangani would be a logistical night-mare. The best route is thought to be through the rebel-held Kivu region.

While Kinshasa refuses to negotiate with these rebels because they are in breach of Zairean sovereignty, it is possible that France can put pressure on them to allow aid

But France's position remains complicated even hen it is acting under an international banner. On Wednesday, a convoy from Médecins Sans Frontières came under fire from pro-Rwandan rebels when it at-

# used to disarm militias

Ewen MacAskill and David Fairhall

HE British government indicated yesterday it may be prepared to go further than the US by allowing troops to be used to dis-arm militias in Zaire.

While the US has ruled out diasarming the interchamwe and said its troops will be confined to humanitarian aid, the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, told the Commons yesterday he was open-minded about action

against the militias.

A British reconnaisance to Zaire today to assess condi tions on the ground before a decision is made on sending in a further force of battalion strength, about 1,000, com-posed of paratroopers and

The 45 Commando, 1st Paratroops and 5 Airborne headquarters were put on in-creased alert for deployment vesterday. Mr Portillo said: "The Britain should become in-volved in a place far from our country and where no vital | mr Portillo set out the concountry and where no vital national interest is engaged. Because we are a civilised

nation. Mr Major, at Prime Minister's Question Time, said that while there was concern, there was also a strong moral obligation on Western gov-ernments to help.

The House will rightly ask why Britain should become involved'

The reconnaissance team has been asked to report back by early next week on key questions posed yesterday by Mr Portillo in a statement to the Commons: what force is needed to secure an entry air-field; how many troops will then be required to reach outlying areas in need of aid; and what equipment and support

House will rightly ask why must the force be given to UN resolution.

ditions for the mission: "That

the objectives are clear and attainable; the prospects of handing on to a follow-up force are good; command and control is clear; and that British forces are sufficient and well enough armed to protect themselves and to save lives." The mood in the Commons on both sides was restrained, with concern expressed pri-marily about the benefits of

providing aid for four months only to see a return to anarchy. British defence planners believe that at least two lessons have been learned from the Bosnian operation. The multinational force should have a clear command structure, in this case headed by the Canadians (with subordinate contingents offered by the US, Britain, France, Italy and Hol-land) and there should be no need to refer back constantly to the UN. This will not be a "blue helmet" operation, though it is responding to a

# Memories of Congo disaster haunt mission

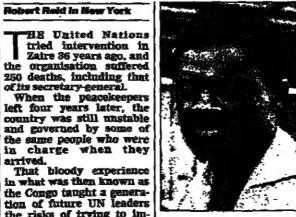
**Robert Reid in New York** 

HE United Nations tried intervention in Zaire 36 years ago, and the organisation suffered 250 deaths, including that of its secretary general.
When the peacekeepers left four years later, the

the same people who were in charge when they That bloody experience in what was then known as the Congo taught a genera-tion of future UN leaders

the risks of trying to im-pose peace, and sparked a long-standing reluctance to The peacekeepers were sent in July 1960 to quell unrest that broke out as Belgian colonial rule

largest and most difficult peacekeeping operation the UN had mounted. It would not attempt another such mission until 1991, when it interpensed in the Balkers. At the time, it was the intervened in the Balkans. The Congo crisis erupted



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their Belgian officers and went on the rampage in the capital Leopoldville, now called Kinshasa.

Faced with chaos, the ist. Joseph Mobutu, as army chief of staff. Known as Mobutu Sese Seko, he is a few days after Belgium now president but has been granted independence on in Europe for months June 30, 1960. African undergoing caucer



send troops to replace

The mission was beset by The mission was beset by problems from the beginning. A few days before the UN approved the force, the south-eastern province of Katanga (now called Shaba) rebelled and declared independence.

Thirty countries offered a vubu, and installed a minimary junta.

The Soviet Union, which supported Lumumba, denounced the UN operation and demanded that the secretary-general. Dag Hammarskjold, resign.

Lumumba, who had been



the UN secretary-general

Belgian troops flew to the capital and restored order. But hatred for the Belgians was so intense that the UN In the midst of the confuagreed on July 14 1960 to sion, Mr Mobutu staged a coup against Lumumba and the president, Joseph Kasavubu, and installed a mili-

the coup, slipped away from UN guards and tried to reach his base in a provincial town. But he was captured by Mr Mobutu's forces and executed a few months later. Six countries withdrew their troops in

Six months into the mission, the Security Council for the first time authorised troops to use force if necessary to prevent civil

Slowly, they managed to disarm most groups, except the Katanga rebels led by Moise Tshombe. The UN launched attacks to bring Katanga under government

control But the fighting alarmed powerful governments. which began pressuring Hammarskjold to negotiate an end to the conflict. On September 17 1961 he flew to Ndola in Northern Rho-desia, now Zambia, to meet Tshombe. But he was killed when his plane crashed near Ndola airport.

The war between the United Nations and Katangan rebels dragged on until Tshombe surrendered on January 17 1963. UN troops finally left the country in

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# **Spy dispute** threatens to boil over

David Hearst In Moscow

ate and uncondi-tional release of a New York last month, saying the spy row could seriously threaten relations between Moscow and Washington.

The dispute over the arrest of Vladimir Galkin at Kenneof Vladimir Galkin at Kenne-dy Airport in New York on October 29 has escalated from routine threats of relatiation to a major diplomatic offen-sive directed by the Russian foreign minister, Yevgeny Primakov, a former

spymaster.

The Russians claim Mr Galkin, who made no secret of the fact that he was a Russian intelligence agent until 1992, was entrapped by the FBI.

According to the charges he faces in a federal court in Massachusetts, Mr Galkin offered an employee of the Data General Corporation \$30,000 (£20,000) for three reports on conferences and symposiums about the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Initiative.

Mr Galkin was working with an Indian national, Aluru Prasad, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was charged last year with trying to obtain classified documents. Mr Pra-sad's case ended in a mistrial and he will appear in court

What has particularly in-censed Moscow is that Mr Galkin, now a businessmen,

his former profession to the US consulate in Moscow and received a visa on the same day - October 24 - that the arrest warrant for him was issued in New York. The FBI is required to sign all visa ap-plications by former KGB

agents.
The Service of Foreign Reconnaissance (SVR), the successor to the First Directorate of the KGB, says Mr Galkin's arrest breaks a gentlemen's agreement between the spy networks of the for-mer cold war adversaries not to prosecute each other's agents for deeds committed before the collapse of communism. But both the state de-partment and the justice department in Washington have denied the existence of any

such agreement.
At first the SVR said nothing, hoping to obtain Mr Gal-kin's release through diplokin's release through diplomatic channels. Then it was suggested that the Russian embassy in Washington would stand bail for Mr Galkin. Now Russia is demanding nothing less than a full retraction from the justice department and is calling for all charges against Mr Galkin to be dropped.

Mr Galkin's wife, Svetlana, made an armeal on Wednes-

made an appeal on Wednes-day for intervention from the prime minister, Viktor Cher-nomyrdin. 'My husband al-ways honestly fulfilled his duty to the motherland. That: is precisely what the Ameri-



# Serb's box-office hit addresses war guilt

Julian Borger In Selgrade

HE film Lepa Sela Lepo Gore, which will be premiered in Britain on Wednes-day at the London Film Festival, confronts the raw ug-liness of the Bosnian liness of the Boshian conflict. The title means Pretty Village. Pretty Flame — an observation made by a member of a Serb volunteer gang as they burn, loot and murder their way across Roshia in

way across Bosnia in spring 1992. The film, directed by Serb Srdjan Dragojevic, aged 33, has filled Belgrade cinemas with crowds of cynical and war-weary Yugoslav youth.
It was largely ignored by
the state, but the government made no effort to hinder its triumphal progress across the country and subequent worldwide release. "We expected political problems but they have not

happened, because the film got so popular here. It would be really dumb for the authorities to try to stop ople seeing it," said Dra-n Bjelogrlic, who stars as gan Bjelogrlic, who stars as Milan, a young Bosnian Serb who is numbed by his side's atrocities but driven on by spite after his mother is killed by Muslims. The film has been so suc-

essful, he said, because Serbs are no longer pre-pared to accept the patriable war was fought to defend Orthodox Christian culture from an Islamic threat. "People are telling me that it is a hard film to watch, but a necessary

soldiers trapped in a tunnel the film in Zagreb or Sarafor eight days during the serily days of the war. The film goes back in time to Muslim film-maker, praised watch the tunnel being opened by socialist appara-tchiks with to the an accom-paniment of brass bands and speeches on brotherhood and unity — the increas-ingly empty rhetoric be-neath which ethnic tensions

were submerged.

Along with the Titoist dream, the tunnel gradually falls into disrepair watched by Milan and Halil (a Muslim) who grow up as

'People are telling me that it is a hard film to watch, but a necessary one'

friends nearby. Neither dares to enter, believing that a monster lives inside. When war breaks out, they find themselves on op-posite sides. Milan is trapped in the tunnel with his Serb marauders and an American Journalist. Halil and his Muslim troops have them surrounded. Before they are picked off one by one, the Serbs have time to ponder the shallow chauvinism which drove them to fight their neighbours.

At one point, Gavra, a burly unreconstructed naand proudly declares that cutlery was being used at the Serb court while the rest of Europe and America were eating with their hands. Bookish Petar tells Gavra to sbut up, pointing out: "It's It is an allegorical tale, your fork that got us into loosely based on a true this mess in the first place."

it as "great cinema", but argued that it was made by Serbs for Serbs.

Critics say it ducks the question of who started the war, assigning responsibility to the metaphorical monster of nationalism lurking in Tito's tunnel. This moral ambivalence

arguably resembles the new line on the war taking shape in Belgrade and may explain why the film emerged unmolested by the censors, and why it was supported by the mayor of Visegrad, a Serb-held Bos-nian town which was the scene of atrocities against

A mosque was needed for one scene, but all the mosques in the Visegrad area had been blown up in ethnic cleansing. The crew had to build a mock-up, provoking outrage among the local Serbs until they were assured it would be burned down in the film.

The combat scenes were shot near Visegrad in spring 1995 while Serb troops — who appear as extras — were preparing for a final assault on nearby

Muslim enclaves.
"The film says we are all bad guys, let's forget about it and go for a beer together." Mr Filipovic said. "So, just because it is a well-made and artistic film, it is as dangerous as a whole brigade."

• The United States could provide up to a third of a 30,000-strong peacekeeping force to remain in Bosnia next year, Nato's secretaryyesterday after meeting the No one has dared to show vice-president, Al Gore.

# Crash flight cargo pilot cited as 'first-class'

was a "first class" flier who was being made a scapegoa collision, a Russian diplomat

helping embassy officials from the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan investigating Tues-day's disaster near New Delhi which claimed 349 lives, angrily defended the pilot's record. He said the pilot had logged hundreds of flights and

was fluent in English.
"The head of the crew,
Cherbrenpanov, is a pilot of Cherbrenpanov, is a pilot of for 91 crash victims yester-the first class. He made ap-proximately 14 trips just to In-lim, Hindu and Christian dia, we discovered from the clergy, in Charkhi Dadri, the rites.

log book," Mr Kamenev said. | closest town to the barren
"It is not possible to con- fields where both aircraft sider him as a reason for the air crash. According to our investigations, the equipment of the Indira Gandhi Interna-

Indian civil aviation officials have tried to pin the disaster on a communications failure with the Kazakh pilot, or equipment failure on a poorly maintained plane. "It is 100 per cent pilot error," said S. S. Panesar, director of flight safety at Indian Airlines. "We pilots do make mis-

The real cause of the disas ter will not be known until the judicial inquiry completes its task in two weeks. The first funerals were held

takes sometimes."

came down in burning

Among them was Adila Fa-tima, aged four months, was alongside two 40ft foot trenches in the town's Mus-

Most of the Indian passengers were Muslim, according to the names on the passenger list. Relatives of those whose bodies have not been identi-fied want to delay the cremations so they may provide a funeral according to Islamic rites. Hindus cremate their while Muslims bury theirs

The bodies of the 39 victims aboard the Kazakh flight, mainly Kyrgyz nationals, are to be flown to Chimkent in Kazakhstan in zinc boxes for identification and funeral

## Asian revellers keep it strictly ballroom

Seth Mydans in Manila

HAT was the former Senator, Rene Sagui-sag, doing on the dance floor of Manila's Inter-Continental Hotel, twirling a woman who is not his wife through the rapid paces of a

the former senator, once the chief spokesman for Corazon Aquino during her improba-ble rise to the presidency of the Phillipines. "It's good clean fun and we've lost a lot of weight."

Mr Saguisag's wife, Dulce, who like her husband is in her 50s, was not far away, aliding across the floor with a

gliding across the floor with a nan half her age — another addict of a ballroom dancing craze sweeping through Asia. "My wife loves me a million more times when I take her out dancing," Mr Saguisag said. "But we rarely dance with each other, we both have excellent dance instructors." No one seems sure how the

ballroom dancing fad began, but in the last two or three years it has undergone regional adaptations, taking on different forms in various countries as it works its way into the dominant local culture, adapted itself around the region, taking on the colour of different national cultures and including everything from the tango to the

In China, people hop off their bicycles on the way to work to do a few dance turns among early-morning practi-tioners of tai chl in Beijing parks and on the Shanghai Bund. The China Dally the born again Christians are recently suggested that dance not holding a rally.

classes could divert young people from premarital sex. Millions dance in Japan where ballroom dancing has been regimented into a 12-tier ranking system — inspired by a sentimental Japanese movie about a office worker who

finds meaning in his drab life on the dance floor.

Dancing comes with dim sum at Ocean City Restaurant in Hong Kong and draws ce-lebrities to Paul Bishop's Academy of Dance. In Thailand the venue is Lumpini Park in Bangkok.

where there is already talk of

medals at the Olympic Games

It is liberated role reversal in a land where men more often play hooky to visit their

in 2000, when ballroom danc ing will be a new event. And in Singapore, the authorities have added ballroom dancing to wine tasting and tennis as an appropriate activity for government-run matchmaking clubs.
But nowhere is ballroom

mistresses

dancing bigger than in the Philippines , where "people power" and coup attempts are things of the past. Morning, afternoon and evening, in dis-cos, living rooms and stadiums, Filipinos are dancing. They gather under the palm trees in Luneta Park when

At the Western Police Dis ordered to dance to keep fit and they foxtrot through the headquarters with their pistols at their belts. But ballroom dancing is biggest here among middle-aged and el-derly women who leave their husbands at home — somehusbands at home — some-times surreptitiously — to samba and jive.

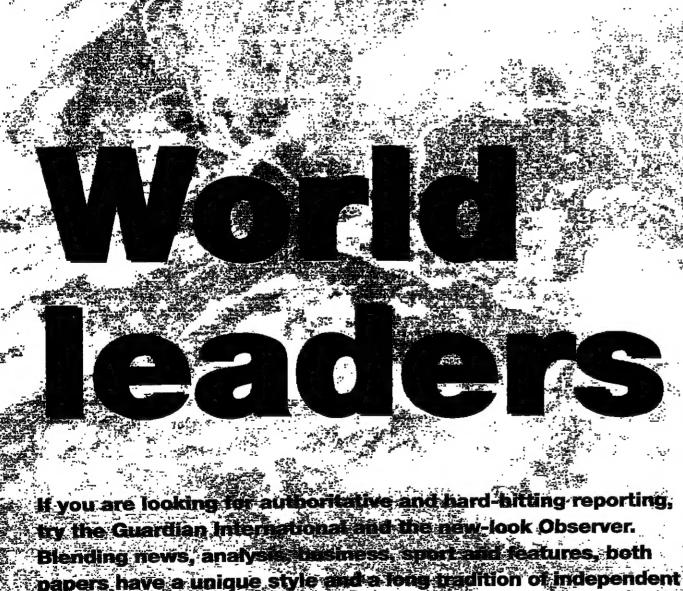
It has spawned the fast-expanding profession of dance instructor, mostly among athletic young men who carry beepers and maintain stables

of loyal clients. In the early days, when the respectability of their pas-time was still in question, the rich matrons of the Sparklers Society at the exclusive Polo Club introduced their dance escorts as their attorneys, and the term stuck. Ballrooms were filled with middle-aged women swooping and dipping into the arms of their young

attorneys. Now everybody does it, and the dance instructors are known everywhere by straightforward initials, Dis. Female Dls are available as well, mainly for liberated men like Mr Saguisag who accompany their wives to the ballroom.

Throughout the country. discos and nightclubs have converted to ballroom dance spots, and many of them have afternoon hours for those wives who slip out to "go shopping" and must be home in time to make dinner.

For once it is a liberated role reversal in a country where men often play hooky to visit their mistresses. And the excuses tend to be the same: a birthday, a wedding,



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# **Stumbling into Zaire**

Africa must help to solve its own problems

sis has hit the headlines again because Bill Clinton's tentative "yes" to a multinational force has been followed by a solemn pledge from Britain and a dozen other countries already prepared to serve under Canadian command. Hectic diplomatic activity can be expected over the next few days as the force is cobbled together. Many questions remain about its mandate and size, and the only certainty is over what most governments involved are so far insisting they will not do: confront and disarm the extremist Hutu interchamwe milititiamen holding hundreds of thousands of their feliow-countrymen hos-tage in the disease-ridden refugee camps of eastern Zaire.

Mr Clinton's position is unlikely to change: the US, without which there would no intervention at all, is still traumatised by the experience of Somalia and reluctant to be sucked into any central African "quagmire" when there is no "strategic" interest at stake: its spy satellites do not even routinely pass over the Great Lakes region, so there is real ignorance in western capitals about exactly what is happening on the harsh volcanic terrain.

What is clear is that the interahamwe - who carried out the 1994 Rwandan genocide, and yesterday vowed to fight foreign troops - cannot be ignored. One answer could be for a multinational contingent larger than the 10,000-20,000 strong force under discussion and more ambitious plans than securing Goma airport and re-establishing security along highways which could then be used to deliver aid.

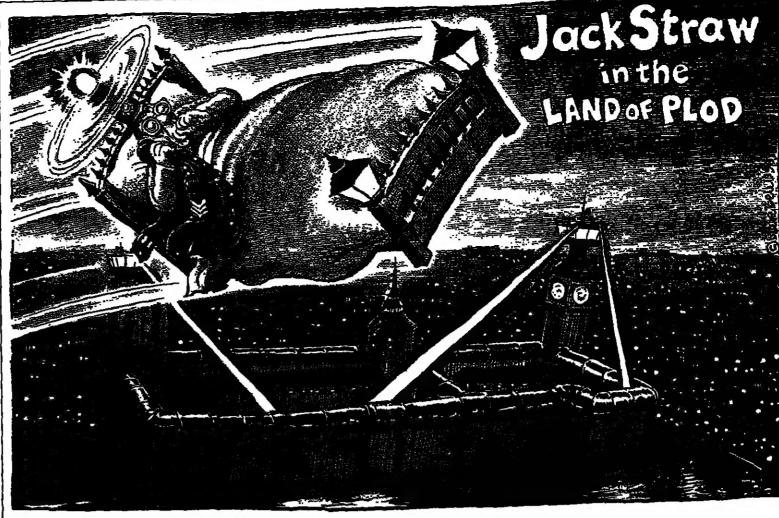
But even if the Rwandan extremists could be disarmed and separated from the rest of the refugees, aid organiza-tions would find it hard to avoid setting up permanent camps, deeper inside Zaire, like the ones that helped create the current crisis: it is a vicious circle | pects have rarely seemed so dark.

ZAIRE'S escalating humanitarian cri- that could be impossible to break. Conscience and a sense of common humanity, as expressed by Michael Portillo in the Commons yesterday, are not bad motives. Catherine Bertini, of the World Food Programme warned this week that within a month 80,000 children in eastern Zaire will die, 50,000 more children suffer severe malnutrition and 75,000 more succumb to dysentery and cholera. But she also made clear that without separating "the bad guys with the guns from the people who

need to live today," little can improve. Perhaps it is compassion fatigue, per-haps just the relative lack of access for TV cameras, but public outrage does not seem to be driving this crisis as it has previous ones. Yet governments which scorned the "something must be done brigade" over Bosnia seem to be stumbling into something they have not thought through, despite insisting on the need to avoid an open-ended and illdefined mission.

Other problems are secondary: some mourn the merely supporting role being played by the United Nations as yet another multi-national coalition lumbers into action — even though some participants, especially France, will not be welcomed by Africans whatever colour their helmets.

The four months allowed by the US and Britain may turn out to be far too short a time to make a real difference: this will not be just a quick fix to re-establish the food chain. It is an ironic coincidence that this force is being born exactly as many of the governments involved haggle over a post-Nato follow-on to keep the shaky peace in Bosnia. It is hard to see clearly in the confusion of this appalling and complex crisis, but one positive by-product could be a greater role for Africa, especially post-apartheid South Africa, in solving the problems of a continent whose pros-



Letters to the Editor

# On monetary disunion

cept, "sovereignty" (Sceptics left in the cold over EMU, November 13). The fundamental issue posed by EMU is the diminution of democracy and the powers of democratic go-verments which it entails.

A single European currency would mean the transfer from a democratically elected British government to a Central Bank of the power to set interest rates, to control the money supply and to pur-sue price stability. The gov-ernment would also lose the power to adjust the parity of its currency and face severe limitations on its power of public borrowing.

Those who support the principle of a single currency are impicitly asserting that the transfered powers are too fundamental to the working of a competitive market econ-omy and too important to be trusted to democracy. Rt Hon Denzil Davies MP.

House of Commons

MOU reveal (Brown talks tough on Europe, November 11) that Gordon Brown is now playing to the short-termists in the business-commu nity gallery. Labour should certainly be talking tough on certain key aspects of EU pol-icy, for example the fiscal and public expenditure restrictions demanded by the EMU convergence criteria, which Maastricht legislation. Brit-

NCE again you dredge up that old-fashioned and ambiguous con"sovereignty" (Sceptics ment. But a change of ecoin the cold over EMU, nomic creed implicitly underthe risk posed by EMU is the "import job-threatening legissue po lation" as revealed by his crit-ical focus on the Social Chapter, once the sole saving grace of the Community in Labour's eyes. New Labour, like the Tories, now believes in the bargain-basement economy we've come to know all too well: long hours, low wages. screwdriver employment im-ported from elsewhere, short contracts, non-unionised labour and a lack of commit-

ment to health and safety. The "tiger" economies of the East, which both main UK parties claim to admire, built their growth on the productive investment of savings. Britons need to earn more in order both to save more as a propor-tion of national income and, at the same time, be better con-sumers. But the new British political consensus requires us to remain a cheap-labour opry with no long-term hope of economic regeneration.

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CONTRARY to popular wisdom, Britain's recent economic performance cannot be explained alone by its exemption from burdensome

European states. This means that Britain plc has a clear interest in the continuing existence of EU social directives from .which it alone is

But the absence of any shared international legisla-tion limiting the exploitation of workers would also have the following result: working conditions would steadily deteriorate as governments competed against each other to create the most attractive environment for profit-seek-ing investors. This is why common social policy across the EU is Indispensable. Finn Bowring. 5 Ladysmith Avenue, Sheffield S7 1SF.

THOSE of us expressing outrage at the usurpation of power from Westminster to ate being called Euro-scep-tics. We are Bureau-sceptics. Geography or culture plays no part in our argument. We are simply fearful of any bureaucrat exercising total sovereign power over us. without having the right to judge their efforts at the bal-

lot box. Douglas Ellison. 52 Beaconsfield Road, London SE3 7LG.

### Striking a few more blows in the continuing battle of the sexes

lence is unacceptable not be-cause police or social workers might enter a woman's house, uninvited, but because domes-tic violence is a crime of assault against women. Many women simply do not

have the economic resources just to walk out of violent relationships. The few women's refuges that exist are underfunded and over-stretched. The shortage of council housing means that women looking for temporary accommodation are often offered bed-and-breakfast. If the man is also the breadwinner, even women from wealthy families may not have enough of their own money just to

walk out Why Sheryl Gascoigne has not prosecuted her husband is entirely her business. However, public opinion about Gazza is not as clear-cut as Catherine Bennett makes out despite being picked for the England squad, he was booed by Glasgow Rangers fans after "wife-battering". Today the the revelations. (Clir) Liz Davies.

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THANK you Francis Wheen I (A swing at the truth, G2, November 13) for putting into a more proper context the issue of women's violence against male partners. Su Pen-nington (This woman hits her partner, November 11) cites a Mori statistic that 18 per cent of men said they'd been attacked by their temale part-ner, an entire 5 per cent less than women who said the same about the men. I wonder, however, what is meant by Barkhill Road,
"attacked". The first use of Liverpool L176BD.

An even broader church

sees the "fragmentation of belief", symbolised by the public's growing interest in New Age ideas, as a threat to social stability (Neo-paganism all sorts of dubious things and reliance."

CATHERINE Bennett's physical violence regardless of the situation?

(Commentary, November 13) If so, then I can be categorised as someone who had "attacked" a partner with a very hard slap in the head. He and

a male friend were drunk and had come to my student-room late at night. My pariner offered my sexual services to his friend with no indication that I wanted or welcomed this. I was, in my view, justified in seeing a real threat and responding as I did. The next day, my partner greeted me by saying, with hurt shock: "You hit me." Could I be accused of bat-

tery if I struck the first blow? And if I did use force, could a case be made that I was prone to unilateral physical violence with the assertion of "she struck him first"? Name and address supplied

WHEEN argues that be-cause no statistics have been gathered to measure the extent of female-perpetrated domestic violence, then it does not exist. Thirty years ago, no data existed which showed the law, the police, government-welfare agencies and the public are sympathetic and responsive to battered women.

Now, when our (and many is men whose abuse and misery is being ignored and ridi-culed by Wheen and other slaves to feminist dogma, it seems that it is too much to ask for society's tolerance in return. Will it take the same 30 years of suffering, injuries and death for people like Wheen to respond to the misery of "battered husbands"? (Dr) Sean Stitt.

exotic phenomenon". Chris-tianity's various adherents can choose from a wide range

of beliefs and exotic phenom-

ena, including turning water

into wine, transubstantiation (wine into blood), virgin birth,

raising of the dead, angels... These make belief in the mys-

tical properties of crystals and other New Age superstitions seem lightweight. Dave Wolstenholme.

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### inflation fully justifying the decision to | ning to look very worrying indeed. Not

Aiming for the wrong target

The inflation worth fretting over is the rise of the pound

THE IDEA that yesterday's inflation figures are proof of a fresh surge of raise interest rates is ridiculous. Sure, the statistics -- showing a rise from 2.1 to 2.7 per cent in the annual rate during October — give pause for thought but only a very short pause. Inflation in October was actually zero. Prices did not increase at all - hardly a moment of crisis. The annual increase is explained by a fall of 0.53 per cent at the same time last year which affected the 12-monthly comparison. If there is a price explosion where is it coming from? During the past year leisure goods, clothing, household services and fuel and light have all increased by one per cent or less (and in the case of clothing there was a decline). Food rose by only 2 per cent. The only large increases (6 to 7 per cent) were in tobacco and motoring, both affected by budget increases in excise duties.

Average earnings are rising at 4 per cent, only 0.25 per cent higher than two years ago - hardly volcanic considering that the economy has been expanding for several years and ought to have been generating more incomes (not least through increased overtime working). Looking ahead the main worry is a rise of 44 per cent in crude oil during the past year. But the index of input prices (which includes oil) actually fell by two per cent over the year. Perhaps the Chancellor should just keep quiet about the oil rise while pocketing the increased tax revenues.

Reds in their beds

Labour has a bedtime policy: now it is lying in it

This is not to say that the situation isn't worrying because it is. It is beginbecause of inflation but because of the Government's perverse reaction to what is happening. The pound has been rising strongly in recent months partly because sterling is regarded as a bit of a safe-haven currency and partly in expectation of higher interest rates. The Chancellor - against his better judgment - obliged this month with a rise which the international community regards as the first of a series. So money is piling into sterling with the result that the pound has now risen by 9.5 per cent against other currencies since the first week of August, thereby reversing much of the gain in competitiveness since Black Wednesday in

If this rise had been backed by an improvement in our competitiveness it would be welcome. But it is not. Our inflation rate, although not worrying, has been rising faster than most of our competitors without any offsetting rise in productivity. Wage costs per unit of output are increasing by 4.5 per cent a year in manufacturing - mainly because output hasn't yet revived. Nor will it if the Government acquiesces in the unjustified rise in sterling which will prevent industry from competing at home and abroad. We are in danger of running into a sterling crisis-inreverse. The Chancellor could - and should - stop all this in its tracks by reversing his interest rate policy.

### After the crash

THE MID-AIR collision over New Delhi needs to be seen against the general attitude of anathy and lack of strategic planning which symbolises

almost every governmental department in India. With the opening up of the Indian economy it was insyitable that air traffic would in-crease. Yet the Ministry of Aviation took its time to recognise the problem, although the Commerical Pilots' Associ ation has consistently pressed the Indian government to modernise the antiquated system of air-traffic control.

The government is right to order a judicial inquiry. But in India these are often sub-ject to intense political pressure, which means that the real cause of the crash might never be made public. Randhir Singh Bains. 34 Shere Road

DEFORE the break-up of the former Soviet Union, airline pilots commonly did not fly outside Soviet boundaries. They therefore had no reason to learn English, the language of international avi-

With the break-up and liberalisation of the former Soviet republics, these same pilots were now able to fly out of their national borders and across international airspace, but their understanding of English is often limited and sometimes non-existent. While technical difficulties may be to blame in this case, it is surprising that we have not had more such incidents. Alexander Weir.

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ID-AIR collisions are not Mas rare as your leader suggests (Disaster in the crowded skies, November 13). My husband was killed in a mid-air collision in Libya in 1992. When the shock and horror of any air disaster take their toll on you, it is not the number of people counted dead that makes it the world's worst crash, but the loved one you have lost. Felicity Prazak. 60 Rowditch Lane, London SW11 5BX.

# LET'S HOPE THAT APTER PORRIDGE, EGGS AND BACON, FOLLOWED BY TOAST AND MARMALADE THEY'LL HAVE TOO MUCH WONGESTION TO CAUSE TROUBLE SCHOOL

### It's just another eating disorder

THE apparent increase in | eat good amounts of fruit and unruly behaviour among schoolchildren, while un-doubtedly largely of sociological origin, may invovle an-other factor — diet. Professor Stephen Schoenthaler, of California State University, has shown that a change from a junk-food to a nutritious diet significantly improved behav-iour in a number of young-offender institutions.

Related to these findings are data from the Hyperactive Children's Support Group showing an improvement in the behaviour of a good percentage of children when certain colours, flavours or preservatives are removed from their diets. Diets have certainly

changed over the last 20 years. Many young people appear to subsist on a diet of Coca-Cola, chips, burgers, pizzas and address, even on e-mailed sweets rich in additives. Few letters, and a telephone number

vegetables, the sources of many vital micronutrients. Some schools already pro-vide excellent meals; but should we not give priority to providing nutritious meals with a high component of whole foods, fruit and vegetables and fruit juice in every school? For a good number of schoolchildren, who already leave home without break fast, this may be their only satisfactory meal of the day Such nutritious meals do not cost more to provide yet may have significant benefits in reducing unmanageable haviour in our schools. (Dr) Margaret Rayman. Department of Chemistry, University of Surrey,

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### The BBC bosses write back

community, including the Writers' Guild membership Letters, November 131, that the formation of the two new Broadcast/Production direc-torates in the BBC is designed to strengthen our relationship with writers, artists and con-tributors, not to undermine it. Our experience as channel controllers across BBC radio

and television has proved to us how difficult it can be to fulfil the increasingly complex functions of commissioning and sheduling — while still devoting sufficient creative energy to nurturing the Wood Lane, talent base that serves BBC London W12 7RJ.

WE want to reassure all programming. The BBC's promembers of the creative gramme achievements in recent years, acknowledged by both popular and critical acclaim, are a tribute to the flourishing partnership be-tween the BBC and its contributors. We are determined to build on this. Digital technology will support this mission not divert us from it. Alan Yentob. Director of Programmes Michael Jackson. Matthew Bannister. Director of Radio.

BBC, Television Centre,

### **A Country Diary**

"a threat to society". Novem-

ber 12). It is a sad society

where people are not encour-

aged to explore their personal

spirituality outside traditional

frameworks. Given falling church attendances, surely

the onus is upon the Church to broaden its outlook if it is to

reflect the multi-faceted spiri-tual experience of the people it

is supposed to serve.

Julie Haviland.

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NORTHUMBERLAND: The I was my bee man friend again, gales last week brought down a venerable oak tree which fell across the lane to a local farm. The trunk had to be sawn and dragged aside and I was interested to see that in its rotted interior a hive of bees had once swarmed. Several old combs still hung perpendicular, fixed to the innards of the trunk. Bee combs consist of wagen cells constructed by the workers for storing honey and as cradles for the young, The deceased tree made me look afresh at others in our village, some of a prodigious height. There were several which lost rotted limbs in the storm. A local beekseper has brought me a lot of honey this year, in barframes so that I can fill my jars. Early collections were predominately from oil-seed rape fields and this honey cannot be kept beyond a month or two before becoming very waxy — when it becomes unsuitable for toast or scones I use it to spread on roasting meat. None is wasted in this kitchen, Last month the door bell rang and there

this time with two bar-frames of heather honey. "I have had them on the moors at Hepple," he told me. Delicious golden combs, we have en-joyed them. When the bee-keeper went up to collect his hives there was a small toad only 2 inches long sitting in front of one of them, nicely placed to catch any bee coming out. 'It were very sleepy and the stomach full of my bees ..." Did he kill it? No, he said, he hadn't the heart to do that to a toad. He admitted that they are a pest when they find a hive, but they chiefly eat the old or diseased bees. It is not only toads which rob swarms but occasionally also hedgehogs. "Once my bees swarmed under, instead of inside the hive," my friend told me. "I saw a hedgehog wade straight into the swarm, sticking its head in the middle of a moving mass of again, munching and swal-lowing. If I hadn't chased it off, the beastie would have had another go."

VERONICA HEATH

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early, so until the election no time will be mentioned. Only after Labour gets has inherited from the Conservatives better bedtime story than this?

less bold when it comes to details.

SHADOW home secretary Jack Straw is | will there be a definite commitment to anxious to foster a debate about the an actual bedtime. And even then there time that children go to bed. Good. It's is no promise of legislation. time that politicians started facing up For true socialists this is ominously familiar. It suggests that though Labour to real issues. But where exactly does New Labour stand on the question of

is committed in principle to a radical the great British bedtime? Here things bedtime policy, in practice there will are less clear. Mr Straw is good at still be one bedtime for the privileged producing sound bites about the need and another for the rest of us. Harriet for public discussion but he is much Harman has already hinted that she will send her children to bed at a time of her own choosing, irrespective of Mr Straw admits that until he was ten he used to have to climb the wooden | party policy, and Tony Blair's office is hill to Bedfordshire at 8pm, although he promising he will ignore a conference remained active under the covers commitment to a specific figure. There listening to Hancock's Half Hour he is a further danger that Labour will talk says. But he absolutely refuses to be tough about bedtime but capitulate to a drawn on New Labour's detailed bed- Brussels diktat. A European bedtime time plans. The party's focus groups are directive, riding roughshod over the apparently unhappy about going to bed | sovereignty of British parents and imposing Spanish-style late bedtimes on British children, cannot be ruled out. into office and examines the bedtime it | Surely Labour can tell the voters a

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### John Duncan

ORE news of visionary Conservative marketing strategy. Less politically astute readers may not immediately understand why Elisabeth Peacock MP should send a questionnaire to her enthusiastic younger constitu-

ents that is completely illiterate, but we are on to you, Mrs Peacock. Total gibberish is the only language young people understand after 17 years of Conservative education policy. Con-stituents are asked to answer yes or no to several questions. Among them: "The introduction of more apprentionships would be helpful." Is this some sort of scheme to train young people how to have relation ships? It gets worse. "John Majors demand for more sport in schools is a good idea." How many John Ma-jors are there, Mrs P? Keep going, "More consideration and help should be given to the victims of crime.Crime and punishment. Courts should be tougher on of-fenders. Yes ... No x."
Maybe it's supposed to be a poem? It was Mrs Peacock who believed that yobs should be thrashed before the Lottery programme on primetime TV. With the lead piping in the conserva

tory, no doubt. Mrs P will

doubtless want to show her commitment to public flog-ging by agreeing to our request that she be spanked live on Blue Peter for her

sine against the English language.

BuoyED by the massive reader response to our Lyme News diary buy-up we have nego-tiated a sensational royal exclusive. After long discussions with the Wessex Journal, you can read this shocking Queen Mother expose only in the Diary. Here we go. "Gert (real name Ed-ward) was a smart old gent with brilliantined hair and just a hint of blusher on his wrinkled cheeks. His partner Daisy (real name Horace), was a roly-poly party who camped it up. For almost 30 years Gert had been an under-butler and Daisy a pastry chef at Clarence House. 'One hot summer night,' said Gert, 'the household was in bed. I was entertaining Horry in my pentry and all was right with the world. Bliss. Then the internal telephone shrilled. It was 2.15am. I picked up the receiver and of course it was the Queen Mum.' I don't know what you two old queens are doing down there,' she said, but this old Queen can't sleep and is in urgent need of a very large gin and tonic.' "Ma'am we salute

O where do you reckon the reckon the intelligence services get all their best stuff from? Telephone taps? High-level informers? Secret agents? Or none of the above? It appears in fact that they spend their days reading the Big Issue. Following an entirely spoofed article by self-styled "art terrorist" Stewart Home describing how he was kidnapped and shown an arsenal of weapons at the house of KLF/K Found tion money-burner-in-chief Jim Cauty, Mr Cauty's abode was put under police surveillance for several days. Not long after, it was raided by 30 officers who earched the gaff from top to bottom and found nothing except two Saracen ar-moured cars which Mr Cauty keeps in his garden so as not to be underdressed at local road protests. Both are properly taxed and insured. Mr Cauty was released without

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the Home Office's most ambitious privatisation-of-prisons scheme yet. HMP Wormwood Scrubs is being turned into the world's first crimeand-punishment theme park and serving prisoners are being secretly recruited to help publicise the venture. The evidence? There is only one card available in the prison shop at the mo-ment. The picture is of the Scrubs gate, with the slogan Wish you were here" emblazoned across the top. Overleaf the small print states. "HMP Wormwood Scrubs. Spacious en suite accommodation. Full board. Choice of menu (take it or leave it). Cheap rates (court warrant required only). Friendly staff." Book through your local police



# When focus groups can be hocus-pocus

### Commentary

### Peter **Preston**

T WAS, I thought, the deadliest insult of the week. "Oh, Tony Blair," said one powerhouse of the Conservative re-election campaign, "he's just a creature of the focus groups." With a curl of the lip and a single transferable wince. single, transferable wince.
Time to get focused. You may, or may not, know much about focus groups. They're commonplace in the marketcommonulace in the market-ing world, the selling flavour of the decade. Newspapers (this one included) use them all the time. Political parties are naturally hooked. But most journalists — let alone readers or voters — have only the heriest voters — of the feets the hazlest notion of the facts ehind the phenomenon.

behind the phenomenon.

These groups aren't conventional polls no random samples of 1,500 interviewed over 24 hours. Polls, like newspaper circulation figures, can tell you broadly what's going on — and maybe give a few clues why. (It's the economy, stupid.) But focus groups ity, simpid.) But focus groups ity, stupid.) But focus groups have become the pro-active

party has its target swing voters and its regional imperawin over and who it has to stop being won over. Such people, selected with infinite care, make up the focus pan-els. They don't, in any meaningful sense, vote themselves: they discuss. A professional interlocutor plays master of ceremonies. The spin doctors huddle behind a two-way mir-ror. It's the mood of the meeting that counts. .

ing that counts.
You can, very straightforwardly, test posters or TV
party politicals this way. New
Labour, New Danger? Do the
groups of swingers give it
house room? Do they, lightly
prompted, think that Clare
Short was right — that there
is indeed a phalamx of sinister
manipulators burking behind is incheed a phalamx of sinister manipulators lurking behind. Tony Blair's amile, ready to make a puppet of him in government? If they do, you may be on to something. In just the same way, wider policy areas can be plucked from the policy and dissected. Take constitutional perform Is it a way for tional reform. Is it a wow far

beyond Highgate? What does Newcastle think of it? There's nothing rigidly acientific about this approach. Panels will sometimes agree spontaneously with a proposition, sometimes not. The mes-sages are usually manced. But focus groups, carefully in-terpreted, can give a strong steer. They are the best stab

heart of the process. Each one obvious fascination for politicians: a botline to vot-ers. But the game can be even more compulsive than that.
You're playing it, but so is the
other side. Now the insult
makes sense. Central Office,
every time the fax chatters,
can see where Labour feels potentially beleaguered (and vice-verse, of course). They can tell when a hard policy gets smoothed over, and they know why. The inner me-chanics of the fight are laid bare to both. Group wisdom turns, within days, into revised campaign wisdom. The focused may change Mr Blair's own focus in a trice.

(They supposedly pulled the electoral here of the hour, Bill Clinton, back from brink after brink)

I guess we've seen that happening over the past couple of weeks on the issue that only the Conservatives used to think was a winner. Europe. Robin Cook started the nuancing, letting his nascent scepticism show. The background spinners took up the theme. And lo! the European Court of Justice decision on working hours is greeted not with ringing endorsement, but with deflecting toughness which seems to suggest that Mr Major won't live up to his snarling rhetoric again. (True: but not entirely the

course, isn't where Labour is shifting to, but why it's shift-ing at all. Clear enough answer because the groups—
slightly backed by the big
polls— are thinking differently about Europe. And it's
here, I think, that the frailties of the whole exercise, the techniques and the messages drawn, begin to show. The European Court drawn was setpiace staging. The Government knew it was going to ose. It let John Major and his lose. It let John Major and his secret hriefers loose ahead of time to stoke up the tension. It assumed that, on this issue at least, the bulk of the press would come running. If the spectre of Brussels could somehow be yoked together with jobs and prosperity, then a vital trick might be turned. They'll have run that trick through their own focus panthrough their own focus pan-

Focus groups, interpreted, can give a strong steer. They are the best stab at the future on offer

els. Labour will have done the

There are two things wrong with this. One is the assump-tion that the meat of politics, as opposed to the packaging, can suitably be left to small groups of people sitting in non-smoking rooms. That unbalances the process. But the second glitch is even more perflous.

point if Labour itself is on the move.) The Tory nightmare, down among the focus groupings, is that Mr Blair may by fudgy verdicts depend

remember. They facilitated the investment which made it possible. When, however, we tried to invent another bit of the paper (based on a very clear focus-group prescrip-tion), it was a total flop. After they got what they said they wanted, they didn't want what they wanted at all. The results, in short, are only as good as the ideas and the vi-sions you feed in. The groups, by themselves, produce nei-

ther. Their work is useful, but

What my scathing Conser-

vative meant was that Labour was falling back, in anxiety, was falling back, in anxiety, on this low common denominator of inertia — giving the groups a veto, tacking to please. Perhaps he's right. There is no current attempt to feed European ideas or vision into the act. There is a telling reluctance to pick up issues (like sleaze, since you ask) where the groups declare a general state of disillusion general state of distinsion across all parties — rather than blaming one alone. The Tories have the perverse advantage of having to sell what they've got: Labour is lum-bered with the cross of end-

less options. Was it an insult? Was it a shiver of apprehension? Does Central Office secretly wish it could make any pitch to its focus targets and forget the incubus of real life? I can't put that in focus. But — as delivered - it certainly sounded like an insult it cer tainly sounded as though quivering inertia on the other side was Mr Major's dearest wish. If that's true, what are they going to do about it?

# lump Buro-ship altogether and sound as John Bullish next May as Mr Major himself intends to. But the first question, of course, isn't where Labour is shifting to, but why it's shifting to, but why it's shifting to, but why it's shifting to. But the first question, of course, isn't where Labour is shifting to, but why it's shif groups didn't invent our Saturday Guide four years ago. They merely gave it the most positive thumbs up I can ever and New C of E



Bel Littleiohn

ELIGION is the flavour of the month. "Neopaganism a threat to society" ran the headline in Tuesday's Guardian, bless it. Me? I'm not one to be taken in by superstitions—and never will be, touch wood. As an Aries, I'm a natural sceptic. Combine that with the fact that last night the tarot cards said I should beware of new faiths, and you'll understand why I'm dead against hooking
myself to the first crazy new
belief that comes along.
Which is not to say I'm not
deeply religious, because I

am. I've spent countless hours exploring my spirituality with my good friend Anita Roddick, bless her. Between the two of us we've discov-ered we've both lived many times before. Anna believes she was a beautiful ancient Egyptian princess in a previ-ous life, pampered every day by myriads of servants with Peppermint Foot Lotion and Vanilla Elbow Rub. On the other hand, Anita's convinced that I was once an overweight Lancashire housewife plagued by corns. "But that's a really great thing to be, Bel," she tells me, with that sympathetic look in her eyes. "There's no need to feel em-barrassed about it. I envy you, truly I do. You know, sometimes I still bear the

Not to worry, I tell her my inner eye tells me that a few centuries after being an ancient Egyptian princess she enjoyed the privilege — and, believe me, it is a privilege of living as an embittered bearded fishmonger in a hovel on the outskirts of East Croydon. "Just think of the unique insight you will have gained into the lives of others in a similar position!" I enthuse. Happily, we both know that as, respectively, the founder of the Body Shop and a much-loved award-winning columnist on the Guardian, we're as high up the human

scars of my beauty."

Next stop? Nirvana. rson, too committed to my numbo dished up to the weak lished "religions" of this world. I think I first realised I was nearly half atheist when I long and hard at my palm with the impartial stare of the

line means you can expect a bit of luck with a flutter on the Lottery come December." My own beliefs are far too considered and sophisticated to be incorporated under the doctrinaire heading of "con-ventional religion". So what do I believe, and how do these beliefs affect my deep-rooted political stance? Put simply, I believe for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows. This carries grave long-term implications for the future of British floristry which we ignore at our perd, and I am pressing the shadow Environment Secretary to convenient. ment Secretary to convene ur gent round-table discussions for all sides of the industry, particulary to consider exactly what constitutes a "drop" before drawing up statutory guidelines in time for the next election. And I believe that somewhere in the darkest night, a candle glows — a fact that continues to be ignored by the progent discredied by the present discredited Tory administration, who shy away from investing an adequate sum in the infrastruc-

ture of fire safety.

Of course, ever since Tony
became leader, many of us in
New Labour have been finding much that is appealing in the Church of England, or the New Church of England, as I prefer to call it. As someone who is intensely environmen-tally aware, I have particular respect for the Bible's clear message against the placing of motorways and by-passes in areas of outstanding natu-ral beauty, and its warning against artificial additives in our domestic food products. As a prominent member of ASH, I applaud the fact that of smoking, and Jesus is por-trayed as a totally committed non-smoker: by his silence, he makes it clear throughout the New Testament that to him smoking is a disgusting habit, and that the consumption of tobacco is encouraged for commercial gain by the multi-nationals and their all-toowilling government puppets.

seated interest in reli-gion — with or without a capital "r" — springs our present need to confront the moral health of the nation. Confidentially, I can reveal that many of my colleagues in New Labour have been looking to me, with my special understanding of the planets out how to draw people back As I say, I'm too serious a to established religion. I have been greatly helped by Jack fellow human beings, to Straw, whose extraordinary wholly believe in the mumbo-organisational capability derives from his once having and the gullible by the estab- been a Rear Admiral in Nel-

son's fleet at Waterloo.

Together, Jack and I are met Professor Richard Daw-kins just before we went into the Start The Week studio. "I can see you're an atheist just like me, Bel," he said, looking long and hard at my calm examining ways to reactivate spray and help save a rain-forest. Your spirit-guide will true scientist. "And then this | do the rest. 'Null said.



Alex de Waal argues that there are strict limits to what the international force can achieve in Central Africa: they can protect civilians, but they can't prevent war

# No bloodless miracle

Hutu extremist forces, for whom human life has no whom himan he has no value at all. These men and women murdered 800,000 Rwandese Tutsis in 1994, and, since their military defeat at the hands of the Rwandese Patriotic Front, have continued their campaign — albeit at a lower level — from relief camps in Zaire, fed by international humanitarian agencies. It is not possible to accommodate to these people: they must be removed from the political scene if there are to Africa Trying to "separate" or strip the claws off a tiger one by one: they will do the clawing first. When their strocities
— murders, mutilations and expulsions — had spread to engulf a wide swathe of eastern Zaire, the local people took up arms to resist. The extrem-

cism seem moderate; their enemies are literally fighting For two and a half years, aid agencies have been calling for a "political solution" to the crists in eastern Zaire, and for the disbandment of the campa. The Western powers did nothing. Now there is that "politing. Now there is that "politing not like it. They are saying do not like it. They are saying that 1,000,000 will die in the since July 1994, and they despite that 1,000,000 will die in the comming weeks. If true, this for their lives. For two and a half years, aid

N CENTRAL Africa today, the main killers are guns, grenades and above all genocidal ideal-gy. Hunger and disease are secondary factors.

The central challenge of a political and humanitarian response in eastern Zaire is the continued presence of Hutu extremist forces, for whom human life has no would represent a mortality tapered to go who are intended from a "well-founded fear of persecution". The inhabitants of Mugunga camp are not refugees under allies and achieve political supremacy in the region.

A humanitarian response in eastern Zaire is the continued presence of Hutu extremist forces, for luminating that the world history for such a calliginest support to those responsible for their plight. This means first recognising that until a few weeks ago rela-tively well fed. The agencies are the first to admit they do not know the scale of the problem: yet they confidently as-sert that donating to them can save 1,000,000 lives. This is irresponsible: to save 1,000,000 lives, it would be quite justifi-able to abandon any political process. This would give no

means first, recognising that the war cannot be stopped. Unless the Zairean rebels com-plete the job before the foreign troops arrive, the next round will merely be postponed, and the region will sink deeper into crisis. A ceasefire would be a chimera.

Second, much can be learned from the experience of

eva Convention, it is quite legitimate to block aid to a belligerent party if there is any reason to believe that aid may be diverted, may not be properly monitored or con-trolled, or even if feeding civil-ians will enable the belligerent to divert other resources to its war effort.

These laws were not drafted room for the kind of patient, Europe in the 1940s, enshrined by men and women who were tough political processes — in three great documents of callous or who wanted to see

be any prospects for Central We must balance providing sustenance to the needy with not "dissum" them is like trying to giving the slightest support to those responsible for their plight

both talking and fighting that are needed.

The international troops will have no mandate to disarm the extremists — Western generals have no intention of fighting a war in the forests and mountains of Central Af-rica. So the forces will "stabiists are fighting for a geno-cidal ideology that makes faslise" the situation: obtain solace to hungry people, no some sort of freezing of the matter what the long-term battle lines so that the refu-implications.

and the Refugee Convention of 1851. All three should under-pin humanitarian action; in fact, all three have been tossed aside in the last three years in the rush to provide visible

international law: the Geno- | needless starvation: they were cide Convention of 1948, the die outcome of first-hand ex-Geneva Conventions of 1949, perience of the horrors of war. perience of the horrors of war.
They should not be discarded
lightly. International forces
can play a role; they can assist in delivering food to the Zair-eans, in protecting civilians from the attacks of the extremists and their allies, and in helping people return to Rwanda. They cannot and should not try to establish or

needs food. The troops should help to get the food economy moving again — through mar-kets, not camps — and stay away from the refugees. There is one reason for opti-

mism in this scenario. Afri-cans are past masters at surviving famine. They never, never die in the numbers pre-dicted by aid agencies. A more realistic appraisal of the likely death rates would put mortality in the low tens of thou-sands. This would be appall-ing, and much of it can and should be prevented. But it cannot be prevented by over-reaction. It is precisely that sort of low-standard, rushed aid effort that not only leaves itself open to political manipulation but tends to create conditions — such as huse camps that exacerbate rather than relieve the situation. Above all, the more important task of preventing continuing political violence — that would claim hundreds of thousands of lives - cannot be achieved by an intervention conceived in ignorance and moral panic.

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Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

# Calming voice of Chicago

has died aged 68 of cancer, always introduced himself to parishioners, politicians and even popes as Joe Bernardin. He was one of the most accomplished and admired Catholic leaders of his generation. Although the prevailing climate of world Catholicism under John Paul II may have been a little too traditionalist for his personal and theological tastes, Bernardin became the key figure in preventing a doctrinal schism between an ultraconservative papacy and lib-eral, independent-minded Catholics in the US.

The son of Italian immi-grants, he ended up as Archhishop of Chicago, one of America's largest archdioceses, and was so successful as an honest broker and crisis manager that he had been regarded as a potential

Appointed to Chicago in July 1982 after spells as an assistant bishop in Atlanta and archbishop in Cincinnati, he inherited a much-publicised financial scandal which had brought his wayward predecessor, Cardinal John Cody, into disrepute. Church money had been channelled, it was alleged, to a distant female cousin of Cody. Bernardin acted at once to bring the matter into the

and slowly repair the damage. Even though his national and international responsibil-

ARDINAL Joseph from his archdiocese, he Bernardin, senior remained a popular figure prelate of the there, as was seen when, in United States, who November 1993, he faced charges of sexually abusing a seminarian while Archbishop of Cincinnati. His accuser. Stephen Cook, demanded \$10 million in compensation. Bernsrdin vehemently de-

nied the crime and rejected advice to settle out of court to avoid scandal. It came at a time when a rush of cases of abusing priests had sapped the laity's confidence in the clergy, but the accusations against Bernardin were unauimously rejected by Chicago Catholics. Eight local law firms offered to defend him pro bono. He was vindicated in Febru

ary 1994 when his accuser admitted fabricating the charges. 'I harbour no illfeelings towards Stephen Cook," Bernardin said. "In-deed, I have great compassion for him. I have prayed for him every day and will continue to do so." It was tronic that Bernardin should suffer such accusations since he had spearheaded the American church's efforts to make reparation for a history of pro-tecting abusing priests and

Bernardin was a leader from early in his career. He national conference of Catholic bishops from 1968 to 1972, its president from 1974 to 1977. Seven times between the American church at syn-ods in Rome and increasingly over that period he took on the mantle of peacemaker



Joe Bernardin . . . he had been regarded as a potential successor to John Paul II.

episcopal colleagues.

When, in 1985, for example,

the Pope's chief theological adviser, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, attacked the work of the distinguished American academic, Father Charles Curran of the Catholic University of America, it was Bernardin who worked to and Curran's supporters among the American bishops.

N THE mid-1990s, when the Vatican became alarmed by Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle, an outspoken, pro-gay, anti-war liberal, Bernardin worked out a comprohattle between Rome and the local church.

It was in 1983, with publica-tion of the US bishops' policy paper on war and peace, that Bernardin, as head of the drafting group, learnt how to

highly valued by profession-

in advanced years. She was a happy person, an enthusiast, much loved by

between the Vatican and his | find a modus vivendi between | progressively-minded Ameri-can Catholics and a reaction-Vatican. The Pope, by that time working closely with the Central Intelligence Agency and President Reagan in an anti-communist crusade in eastern Europe and central America. was most unhappy about the first draft of the document which called on the

US to abandon its first-strike policy on nuclear weapons. A fudge was, finally, agreed through Bernardin's good offices, softening the tone enough to satisfy Rome with-out forcing the American bishops totally to abandon their principles. Though Bernardin was appointed by John Paul to advise four curial committees

evangelisation and Christian unity - there were times when the American cardinal could not hide his unhappi-ness at Roman centralism and

priesthood was raging, Bernardin publicly acknow-ledged that the celibacy rule "often appears unattractive and unattainable".

Furthermore, in 1987, when John Paul visited Los Angeles, Bernardin, spurred on by his more radical colleagues confronted the Polish pontiff over his lack of tolerance of dissent in any shape or form. When someone questions how a truth might be better articulated or lived today, he or she is sometimes accused (by the Vatican) of rejecting the truth itself or portrayed as being in conflict with the Church's teaching authority.
As a result, both sides are locked into what seem to be adversarial positions."

Such signs of rebellion were carefully rationed, how-ever. Joe Bernardin had no

papal intransigence. When in John Paul's court. Bolthe debate about admitting stered by the high regard in married men to the Catholic which he was held by fellow stered by the high regard in which he was held by fellow bishops from all sides of the theological divide — they elected him on five successive occasions to serve on the cru-cial 15-member council of the secretariat of the synod - he remained until the end of his life a major force in world Catholicism, a commanding voice of reason in an increasingly polarised and dogmatic church, the friend of many

and the enemy of few. With a candour unusual in ecclesiastical circles, he went quiet courage with which he endured his last illness only reinforced an already formidable reputation.

Joseph Bernardin, Cardinal April 2, 1928; died

**Gerda Charles** 

# **Tea without** the sympathy

N 1971, we asked Gerda Zold himself is a sky, be Charles, who has died at mused man living in a mess of a family.

Gerda Charles then began the bad recently wan the control of the contro She had recently won the Whitbread Prize for her novel, The Destiny Waltz, and was at the height of her fame. The other guests were a mar-ried couple, the wife being a great supporter of the author's books, and another woman who valued her books highly. How nice, we thought,

for her to meet two great fans.

The next morning she phoned to say thanks for the meal, but what boring middlemeal, but what boring muchles class guests we had invited. Knowing Gerda much less well than I did subsequently, I was taken aback by the rudeness. As years went by, it became a symbol of her inability to retain friends.

Gerda Charles' real name was Edna Lipson. She was born in Liverpool but would never, ever reveal her age or give the slightest chie to it. Her family were orthodox Jews, and Jews and Jewish life were at the centre of most of her books. Gerda told me that her family treated writing as something to be ashamed of, in the spirit of "Don't put your daughter on the stage. Mrs Worthington". When, postwar, she moved to London, she lived in moderate poverty, though by the time I knew her, in the 1970s, she had a large Victorian flat in Maida Vale which she shared with her mother. Her first novel, The True Voice, dealt with a Liverpool

family whose central charac-ter, like Gerda, had had a patchy education. Then came The Crossing Point, an in-formed, somewhat critical novel about Anglo-Jewry at that time, labelled by Walter Allen "a very impressive, detailed and deeply felt study", and by Kingsley Amis as "brilliantly talented... with an energy and curiosity that make the average noval look tired and bored."

In the Maida Vale flat, she gradually formed a salon mostly but not entirely of Jewish writers which included, at various times, Arnold Wesker, Bernard can Jewish novelists like
Bernard Malamud. There
were dinner parties, but more
usually the company were
given an old-fashioned tes
that included cucumber sandwiches, cakes and biscuits

dinor quarrel. Minor quarrels ensured that

the cast changed frequently.

A Stanting Light, her third novel, won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and effectively announced that she had arrived. It is about an American playwright who comes to live in London. While his plays show "the slanting light" of a world illu-minated by the imagination,

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writing for the Dally Telegraph, the Jewish Chronicle, the New York Times and the New Statesman. She started to be seen at literary parties and to be asked to judge prizes like the Jewish Chronicle/H H Wingate Prize.

Her fourth novel, A Logical Cirl set during the assent Girl, set during the second world war, dealt with the arrival of American soldiers in an English sesside town. In 1971 came the peak with The Destiny Waltz.

As long as her mother lived, Gerda grumbled that she was prevented from writing and, up to a point, from living a



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surprisingly well in a strong voice and aged very slowly. But just as her books portray life as being unfair to their characters, so it seems did her own life appear to her.

Martin Goff

Edna Lipson (Gerda Charles), novelist, date of birth unknown; died November, 1996

#### Birthdays \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Ed Asner, actor, 67; Howard Baker, US senator, 71; J G Ballard, writer, 66; John Banfield, chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 49; Daniel Barenboim, pianist, conductor, 53; Andrew Castle, tennis player, 33; Sir Geoffrey Chandler, chairman, National Council for Voluntary Organisations, 74; Petula Clark, singer, 62; André Deutsch, publisher, 79; Prof Peter Dickinson pianist and composer, 62; Dr Helen Dunsmore, chemist and women's campaigner. 70 and women's campaigner, 70;
Tibor Fischer, author, 36;
Eddie Harvey, jazz
musician, composer, 71;
Paula Kahn, publisher, 56;
Brian Low, former
ambassador to Estonia, 59;
Anni-Frid Lyngstad, pop singer. 51; Tim Pears, writer, 40; Paul Raymond, impresario, 71; Sam Waterston, actor, 56; Kirsten Woodward, hat

### **Death Notices**

EDNEY. On November 7th, Patience of Carnden Town, died in Medrid aged 85. Widow of Brit, mother of Robert and grand-mother to Adam and George, Funeral to be held at Goldens Green Cremiterium on 21st November at 11,00sm. Family liqueers only, but donations if desired to the Inter-restional Brigade Association or Informedi-tion Technology, vio Ronald P. Sherry. 25 Bell St. Paddington, London MW1 SBY WALSH Tom - husbend, hather, grand-lather, friend, lifetong Guardian reader, chess player and Labour supporter, aged 8s, died suddenly on 7th November. Furshal at Eltham Crematorhum, 3.15, North

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**Gwen Catley** 

# The soprano who never missed top E

ling the reference books about her true age was a coloratura soprano whose career spanned a wide variety of operatic and popular music. She once turned down an invitation from Covent Garden to sing the Queen of the Night in The Mark Fluic - a role she had sung with great success at Sadlers Wells — because she objected to the set. On the other hand, during the second world war, she allowed the bandleader and impresario Jack Hylton to persuade her to sing Caro Nome from Rigo-letto in his revue, Hi-Di-Hi.

She sang the aria over a period of 18 months, never once missing the top E in alt.
Much earlier, in an appearance at Sadiers Wells, she was described by the Sunday Times as "a very charming little person with a voice to match". At a Wigmore Hall recital in the late 1930s, the Times noted her voice as "not a very remarkable instru-ment, but well-used". On that occasion she sang in German. Italian and English, and included what were then novelties in such a pro-grunne, the Mad Scene from Lucia di Lantnermoor and O luce di quest' anima from Linda di Chamounix. "She ssed the test with honour," said the critic.

Her same was considerably extended through broadcasts with the BBC, beginning with

WEN CATLEY, who a live recital given when she trouble, the voice itself has died at the age of was more or less fresh from retaining much of its firm-the guildhall in 1936. She ness and purity. remained on the BBC's books for many years and one of the highlights of her radio career was a broadcast of Bizet's Fair Maid of Perth conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham and rebroadcast after his death as an anniversary tribute to him. After the war, she made guest appearances in shows such as Much Binding in the Morsh.

Excursions of this kind, and perhaps the coloratura repertoire itself, rather obscured the fact that she was a genuine musician among singers. An accomplished planist, she married a fellow student at the Guildhall, Allen Ford, subsequently a principal cellist of the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

SHE WAS born in London and her entrance into the musical profession was effected in the face of severe parental opposition. Her father had been the company secretary in a firm of tanners and a strict Baptist who considered the stage a short step from eternal damnation. He forbade her acceptance of the Guildhall's gold medal, which she then competed for and won a second time. Her teacher was Julian Kimbell and she also gained the influential support of Sir Landon Ronald. When she retired, it was on

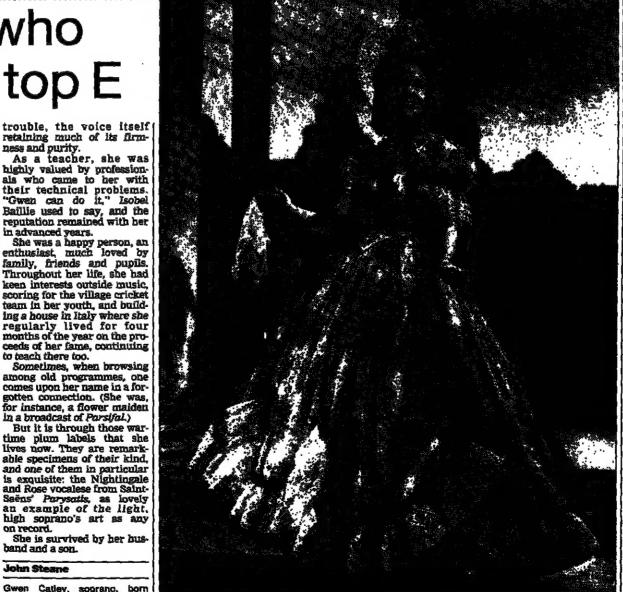
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keen interests outside music, scoring for the village cricket team in her youth, and building a house in Italy where she regularly lived for four months of the year on the pro-ceeds of her fame, continuing to teach there too. Sometimes, when browsing

among old programmes, one comes upon her name in a forgotten connection. (She was, for instance, a flower maiden in a broadcast of Parsifal.) But it is through those war-time plum labels that she lives now. They are remark-able specimens of their kind, and one of them in particular is exquisite: the Nightingale and Rose vocalese from Saint-Saëns' Parysatis, as lovely an example of the light, high soprano's art as any

She is survived by her husband and a son.

Gwen Catley, soprano, borr February 9, 1906; died Novem



Gwen Catley in the film Theatre Royal, 1943

HULTON GETTY

I'm wrong, you must be right again. From the humour listserver. Thanks to Kyla Thorogood.

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### Pet paradise

FOR domesticated darlings burdened with life's hassles there's an exclusive retreat to cocoon them in luxury. In

Japan, pets aren't simply mollycoddled like spoiled



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offspring but idolised like

gods. In the frenzied capital,

designer, 37.

sain. If that doesn't do me trick, they can join in a yoga session. The hotel recently hosted the marriage of poo-dles Taro, in pearls and gold leather jackst, and Chubby, sporting her best hat. The newlyweds were showered with gifts of jewellery and treated to the finest cuisine After the nuptials, they lipped into a perfumed bubble bath and spent their wed-ding night at the hotel. And what did the owners get? The bill for a cool \$4000. In Thailand, too, the deputy prime minister was recently a guest at the wedding of two cats that then took a honeymoon

care for a sick pet. Manager Andrew Deller says it's a common sense approach. "A dog or cat can be as dependent as a sick child." Closer to home, divine intervention is at hand for the pooch with a hang-dog expression. A German church has opened its doors to an assortment of pets. Organiser Horst Fischer, a member of the North German Kennel Club, believes the gatherings are crucial because, "animals are God's creatures, too".

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**Emily Sheffield** 

# Jackdaw

### Twisted sister

LIFE IN this society being, at best, an utter bore and no aspect of society being at all relevant to women, there remains only to overthrow the government, eliminate the money system, institute complete automation and destroy the male sex. It is now technically possible to reproduce without the aid of males (or, for that matter, females) and to produce only females. We must begin immediately to do so. The male is a biologi-cal accident: the y (male) gene is an incomplete set of chromosomes. In other words, the male is an incomplete female. a walking abortion aborted at

the gene stage. To be male is to be deficient, emotionally limited; maleness is a deficiency disease and males are emotional cripples. The male is completely egocentric, trapped inside himself, incapable of empathising with others. His responses are entirely visceral, not cerebral; his intelligence is a mere tool in the service of his drives and needs; he is incapable of mental passion, mental interaction; he can't relate to anything other than his own physical sensations. Por those who have not had the

pleasure of reading the origi-nal 1967 SCUM manifesto. written by Valerie Solanas, who went on to fame for shooting Andy Warhol. Reprinted in The Face. A new film about

### **Loopy laws**

Alabama: L. It is illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while operating a vehicle. California: . Community leaders passed an ordinance that makes it

illegal for anyone to try and

stop a child from playfully jumping over puddles of water. Connecticut:

1. You can be stopped by the police for biking over 65 miles 2. You are not allowed to walk

across a street on your hands. Florida: Women may be fined for falling asleep under a hair dryer, as can the salon owner. 2. A special law prohibits unmarried women from parachuting on Sunday or she

shall risk arrest, fine, and/or 3. If an elephant is left tied to a parking meter, the parking fee has to be paid just as it would for a vehicle.

4. It is illegal to sing in a nublic place while attired in a swimsuit. Men may not be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown.

as, but no more than, five 1. It is illess to take honk and then shoot at the bank teller

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with a water pistol.

1. Kisses may last for as much

2. Biting someone with your natural teeth is "simple assault", while biting someone with your false teeth is "aggravated assault". Illinois:

I. It is illegal for anyone to give lighted cigars to dogs, cats and other domesticated animals kept as pets. Kentucky: I. By law, anyone who has been drinking is "sober" until

he or she "cannot hold on to the ground". Massachusetts: L. Mourners at a wake may not eat more than three sandwiches.

Sporing is prohibited un-

less all bedroom windows are closed and securely locked. Real laws in existence from the PoBox List, via Michael Jovic.

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really sexy.

The Last Ten Things Any Man Would Ever Say: 1. I think Barry Manilow is ne cool motherfucker. 2. While I'm up, can I get you a beer? 3. I think hairy butts are

4. Her tits are just too big.

5. Sometimes I just want to 6. That chick on Murder, She Wrote gives me a woody. 7. Sure, I'd love to wear a condom. R. We haven't been to the mall

for ages, let's go shopping and I can hold your purse. 9. Fuck Monday Night Football, let's watch Murphy Brown. 10. I think we are lost, we better pull over and get directions. The Last 10 Things Any Woman Would Ever Say: L. Could our relationship be

more physical? I'm tired of just being friends. 2. Go ahead and leave the seat up, it's easier for me to douche that way. 3. I think hairy butts are really sexy. 4. Hey, get a whiff of that one. 5. Please don't throw that old

T-shirt away, the holes in the

6. This diamond is way too big. 7. I won't even put my lips on that thing unless I get to swallow. 8. Does this make my butt look

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# Finance Guardian

# GUS catalogues £1bn deal Cold-hearted

Lisa Buckingham

REAT Universal logue shopping group, yesterday burst on to the transatlantic takeover scene with a £1 billion agreed bid — its first major acquisition for more than 30 years.

The company is paying \$1.7 billion for Experian, one of America's biggest information service groups, which will be merged with CCN, its own consumer credit and business information

A frenzy of City excitement greeted the change of corpo-rate pace at GUS where the new chairman, Lord Wolfson

of Sunningdale, has taken just three months to tackle criticism that the retail group has been paralysed by its £1.2 billion cash mountain. Shares scrambled up by 54½p to 645p on a wave of euphoria which celebrated not only the deal, but also the corporate glassoss which accompanied it. For the first time, GUS broke with its tradition of silence and held face-to-face meetings with journalists and City analysts to explain the deal.

Lord Wolfson denied the acquisition had been prompted by investor unrest but admit-ted that shareholders had made it clear they wanted GUS to spend the money or return it as higher or special dividends rether than leave it dividends rather than leave it aitting in the bank. in ... We have gone half the way to satisfying them," he said.

nitles arose in the informa-tion sector than in the more mature retail industry.The Nearly £490 million of the purchase price for Experian will be financed by dollar bor-rowings which, Lord Wolfson chairman refused to comment on whether yesterday's deal meant that the rumoured merger with retail group

#### **Great Universal facts**

Britain's biggest mail order operation. Catalogues include: Great Universal, Kays, Choice and Masshell-Ward

Downs Burbarrys, Scotch House and White Arrow Express

Own-high street property estate valued at £884 million

Formed In. 1917, has been not by just three people, all thembers of Wolson family

Peccepty reported 48th connectative year of profits growth

tinue to increase dividends at the expense of dividend cover rather than giving dollops of unspent money back every

three or four years.

The group — whose catalogue shopping operations have been suffering in a stagpant market - reckons the acquisition will enhance its earnings almost immediately and should be highly cash-generative. Experian is ex-pected to produce operating profits of about £70 million on sales of £348 million this year. Lord Wolfson dismissed the recent chequered history of

was formed in 1980 to provide customer credit information for GUS's own catalogue busi-ness and is now the largest operator of its kind in Europe.

mand global service, said Lord Wolfson, who added that 30 per cent of CCN's existing clients were American corpo-

clients were American corpo-rations, such as McDonalds and Ford.

The joint business will ac-count for between 15 per cent and 20 per cent of the GUS group's overall profit and will probably become the fastest growing part of the empire. Eventually, Lord Wolfson ad-mitted, it may be soun off. British groups buying into mitted, it may be spun off.

# from the City is that they sort in the cient cash if another attractive takeover target arose. He denied the group had tion of cash and our failure to find something to invest though he said more opportunities, the group would continue to find something to invest though he said more opportunities, the group would continue, was now off the chairman, was now off the should arise from combining Experian and CCN, which was formed in 1980 to provide customer credit information to invest though he said more opportunities, the group would continue, was formed in 1980 to provide customer credit information to invest the inverse in the inverse of the cards.



Alex Brummer

EW issues have caused more discomfort to John
Major's government
than the behaviour of a coterie of executives working in the privatised utilities.

Their unrelenting greed, at the expense of all stakeholders — shareholders, employ-ees and customers — has undermined the intellectual case for privatisation and made a mockery of the regulatory process and the efforts the Greenbury Committee to rein in their excesses.

As the Guardian's investigation of recent takeovers and mergers in the utility industry demonstrates, the willingness of the utility executives to enrich themselves, even as they were marching their companies into new and sometimes alien ownership, knew no bounds. The payments of £2.87 million to former Norweb chairman Ken Harvey, following the take-over by neighbour North West Water, makes the oppro-brium heaped upon Cedric Brown, who ran a much larger and more complex business, look gratuitious.

Executives in the industry have chosen to use bid fever in the sector as an opportunity to turn themselves into plutocrats, simply by taking the money and running as American and other sugar-daddies have come along wav-ing their chequebooks. Unlike the previous enrichment of their lives, which was con-ducted in the full blast of publicity, this second generation nev-onte has l under the cover of darkness. The astonishing compensation figure of £26.9 million is hidden away in Comapnies House, beyond the access of the general public.

Moreover, these same executives have wasted some 284 million, which could have been used to reduce energy bills, through a redistribution of income to those who have least need — the City advisers called in to defend the compa-nies unsuccessfully from

If there were any justice the new owners would force the former executives to discorn their new-found wealth and the proceeds could be used to relieve the heating bills of the elderly, who will struggle to meet them this winter.

### Wolfson wager

T FIRST sight, the At billion acquisition of Experian by GUS does not augur well. The company may have pioneered the hos-tile takeover in Britain but la now woefully out of practice, having allowed some 30 years to elapse since its last big

And where does GUS decide

teeth? In America, which has proved a graveyard for the ambitions of so many British

companies.

But although Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale may be smug, he is certainly not short on acumen, and the emergence of GUS from the corporate chrysalis has the indications

of success.
First, although Lord Wolfson is only three months into the job and keen to bring the City on side, he is cautious — not on the GUS scale but by no means rash, as his track record at Next shows.

Also in his favour is the fact that CCN has known Experian for years — if GUS had not done the buying it could well have been the other way round. The businesses fit well together and, for a change, jobs should be created rather

than lost.
Lord Wolfson and his colleagues have also decided to pay handsomely - more than 20 times earnings — to secure a large and prolitable footbold in the US. This is not a cutprice offer for a basket case which an overconfident mansometime never.

Although Lord Walfson must be keen to make his mark, it is unlikely that he would go out on a limb through a risky deal at the same time as shaking up the fossilised GUS corporate culture at home.

Luck also appears to be pro-viding a fair wind — the rise in the value of sterling against the dollar has not only flattered the price of the deal but also improved terms on the \$800 million GUS has has borrowed to pay for it.

### Royal alliance

F THE Royal Bank of Scotland is really interested in becoming a significant force in the bancassurance field then it would have made a full takeover of its mutual Edinburgh neighbour Scotenter into a semi-baked alliance where the joins and lines of control are murky.

Certainly, full takeovers, like the Halifax's absorption of Clerical Medical, make more sense than alliances which later have to be abandoned, such as NatWest Life's deal with Clerical Medical.

However, one can see that there is short-term appeal for both parties in the proposed deal. For Scottish Widows, which has been through a cost-cutting exercise this year, the deal with Royal Scottish Assurance and the deals with the problems of growing the business and new capital that face many of the mutual insurers.

As for RBS, uniting Scot-tish Widows' strong franchise in the life and pensions area with the selling skills of Direct Line - which is constantly moving into new prod-

Nevertheless, while this of companies rather than a full merger of insurance in-terests it will be impossible to can come with systems, sales and product integration.

# MCI puts Murdoch stake on agenda

"HE future of MCI's doch's media and en-tertainments empire is likely to be decided before the US telecommunications group completes its £12 bil-lion merger with British

Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief enscriive, said yester-day that MCI was reassess-ing its relationship with Mr Murdoch's master company, News Corporation. He expected the MCI board to make a decision on whether to keep or dispose of its News Corp stake before BT's bid for MCI has cleared all the m

hurdles in the US, UK and Europe. BT is keen to become more than a conveyor of other people's information and closer links with Mr Murdoch's newspapers, television, films and books empire would help it achieve that. But Sir Peter said BT did not have to take equity stakes in content providers to achieve its

up to \$2 billion (£1.2 billion) in News Corp in return for a near 18 per

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Market Service

Don Cruickshank, the in-distry regulator, has made it clear that, if powerful gether, he would not regard dominance as necessarily a



It's profitable to talk . . . BT's finance director, Robert Brace (left), and chief executive, Sir Peter Bonfield, yesterday

phasised that regulation them to be in the tens of would be required. BT, which yesterday re-ported flat interim profits, played down the size of the fees it will have to pay its advisers in connection with

dreds of millions of dollars. BTs first-half profits fall fractionally, from £1.6 billion to £1.59 billion, after a £60 million charge to cover the premium on bond repurchases and nearly doubled redun

problem. But he has em- | Brace said he expected | charges of 2285 million. Nearly 3,200 staff took voluntary redundancy and a similar number are expected to go in the second half of the year, taking full-year redundancy costs to £450 million.

The group's residential

en 2400 million and enginmar hase weathered

losses to cable operators -

year virtually unharmed. While the number of resi-BT said it had offset the dential phone lines was unthanged year-on-year, the thought to be running at about 50,000 customers a mumber of business lines about 50,000 customers a grew by 5.4 per cent.

Over the past 18 months customers in a market the average time housewhich had been expanded holds spend on the phone every day has risen from

second lines to cope with 8.5 to 10 minutes.

# Rebels triumph Scottish Widows takes a protector at Greycoat

tan King

REYCOAT, the property group, was yesterday snubbed by institutional investors as it tried to defeat moves by rebel shareholders to force it into merger talks with smaller rival Moor-field Estates.

Greycoat, which brushed aside an approach from Moor-field earlier this week, was defeated as it fought calls to adjourn yesterday's extra-ordinary meeting for another three weeks.

The company, which said it had been contacted by a num-ber of other parties interested in discussing a merger or takeover, is now expected to receive a renewed and more detailed approach from Moor-

At the meeting, Greycoat — which is over four times the



size of Moorfield — had faced calls for its break-up from Brian Myerson and Julian Treger, whose Active Value fund controls 11 per cent of the company's shares.
But instead of tabling his break-up motion, Mr Myerson called for an adjournment of the meeting, which he said would allow Greycoat to con-sider Moorfield's approach

When his call for an adjournment was defeated on a show of hands, Mr Myerson requested a poll of shareholders, which backed him by 53.1 million votes to 41.9

million.
It is believed that Mr Myerson, who has previously run high profile campaigns against such companies as School and Liberty but never with the same degree of success, was backed by institu tions including Schroders and

After the meeting, Mr My erson expressed himself "de-lighted", and said the deci-sion had been a "victory for shareholder democracy". He added: "Moorfield is in the process of refining the detail of its proposal. We want Greycoat to sit down over the next few weeks with them, and we've forced the board to

However, a spokesman for Greycoat said last night that the company was yet to receive the "refined" approach from Moorfield, which is said to run to some 40 pages.
Graycoat shares closed up a

### Pauline Springett

UTUAL life insurer Scottish Widows yes-terday fuelled the de bate about the future of mutu-ality when it announced it was linking up with the Royal Bank of Scotland in a move seen as designed to prevent a takeover of the Black Widow. The deal, still to be final-ised, should result in Scottish Widows buying around 20 per cent of RBS's life insurance subsidiary, Royal Scottish In-surance (RSA). Scottish Widows will also provide admin-

istration services for RSA.

stake will cost Scottish Wid-ows, although as the subsidiary was worth £77 million at

million profit that year, it could be around £18 million. Until earlier this week, Scottish Equitable had held a 20 per cent stake in RSA. Scottish Widows and RSA will be run as completely sepwill be times companies with sepa-rate products. However, RBS's Direct Line Life opera-tion will be run as a joint venture between RBS and Scottish Widows. Further link-ups are possible, for instance on the banking side, because Scottish Widows also runs a small

bank, but no announcements I to stave off a predator. The Mike Ross, chief executive

of Scottish Widows insisted the deal was not the begin-ning of the end of mutuality for Scottish Widows. "By working together in this way. and by agreeing to seek other ways in which we can combine our talents, we believe we can continue the strong development of our business whilst retaining our indepen-dence as one of the leading mutual insurers in the UK,"

they thought the move was an | this year has seen a string of attempt by Scottish Widows | mergers.

are expected for a few organisation has undergone a months. in an attempt to compete ef-fectively in the overcrowded life and pensions market. One third of the costs has been alashed and 700 staff have taken voluntary redundancy, leaving a workforce of 2,100. Scottish Widows has also invested heavily in advertising its direct operation.

The life and pensions sector still reeling from the dent in public confidence caused by the scandal of the mis-sellne said. ing of personal pensions — But industry experts said has been restructuring and

## Price check is all quiet on the Y-fronts

RICHARDTHOMAS reports on deflating duties that produce the inflation figures

T FIRST sight, Carol McDonnell looks like any other lunch-time bargain hunter, delving into the racks of clothes in a central Loudon department store. On closer inpection she turns out to be diligently tapping away at a tiny palm-top computer.
A snooper from a rival
shop? A desperate creative
force from a fashion house,

the army of hundreds who checked the previous of the 300 main collectors collect the 500 pieces of month. "Actually it can be in the rest of the country, price information — on a bit boxing. Usually, in who work for Research Ineverything from the cost of fact." sending a red rose to Wat-ford to the price tag on a pair of socks — that make up the monthly Retail Price

Compared with the excitement the inflation fig-ures can create on the financial markets — demonstrated yesterday when the braced ones jumped and shouted after the worse-than-expected October RPI number -- the job of checking whether a pack of white Y-fronts is still £3.99 is a bit tedious. force from a fashion house, "I wouldn't say it was exseeking inspiration for actly exciting," says Mrs
next year's look? Not quite. McDonnell, searching for
Mrs McDonnell is one of the same pair of socks she explains why the majority camouflaged one.

Such is the grinding boredom of the collection that Mrs McDonnell's colleagues in the Office for National Statistics — which does the central London collection — have opted

"One has got a doctor's note to say that the computer is too heavy for her," explains Mrs McDonnell, with a remarkable lack of bitterness. "The other one, a gentleman in bis 50s. refuses to do it because he says he won't be seen run-maging through women's underwear." nnderwear."

Perhaps lingerie-phobia
hunter after all, just a well-

ternational are women. When the £1 million-ayear "price collection" job

tender in 1994, the Government was inundated with bids from security firms, which thought it involved picking up bags of coins. For Mrs McDonnell, as she leafs through yet another pile of handkerchiefs. there is a silver lining to the drudgery. "My cousin works in another branch of this shop and gets a staff discount, so if I see some-thing I like I make a note of it and ask her to buy it for

### New means to aid motorists

Keith Harper Transport Editor

OTORISTS could soon get traffic informa-tion from a network of privatised regional traffic control centres aimed at relieving Britain's worsening

roads congestion.

The plan, specifically designed to harness the potential of the private sector while making life easier for the frustrated motorist — is was put out to private being considered by the Government in consultation with the Highways Agency.

be located at key regional mo-torway centres such as Birmingham and Manchester, would monitor road condi-tions and manage traffic on cially exploited.

motorways and main trunk routes. They would collate travel information for direct transmission to motorists through local radio networks. Ministers favour the idea be-cause it would would be largetor, costing the taxpayer virtually nothing. Industry would then build and operate the scheme in partnership with the Highways Agency, which is responsible for running the roads network.

The Government hopes to attract interest from the motoring organisations and a number of leading companies with expertise in traffic control. The agency is currently holding talks with the private sector over plans on how the

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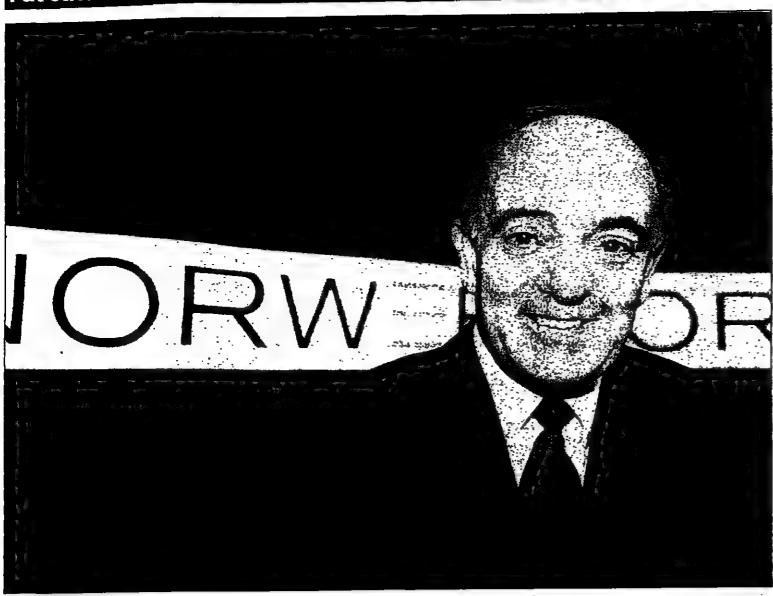
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### Fat cats scandal



# Northern heights . . . Ken Harvey tops the pay league with 2810,248 for eight months' service at Norweb The power game millionaires

ANY of the excutives who took the electhrough privatisation and then saw their companies bought up in last year's binge of takeovers probably hoped that final ac-counts would slip into Companies House and quietly cather dust.

The records show that directors have walked away from the industry with nearly £27 million in compensation. Against pay-offs of this scale, the furore over the pay of Cedric Brown at British Gas pales considerably.

walking out of the electricity industry into retirement who have become instant millionnires. Some executives still working in highly paid jobs in the industry have shared in the bonanza.

Trade secretary Ian Lang might also have hoped that accounts had remained hid-

for the companies that have been taken over to file ac-counts means the "fat cat" pay issue looks set to erupt again in the months running up to the election, when Mr Lang and his colleagues had hoped the issue would have been long buried thanks in part to the work of the Green-bury committee on top pay. That it has not means that

his job of accutinising the latest bids for regional electricity companies — including Dominion Resources' £1.25 billion for East Midlands Electricity and CE Energy's £766 million offer for Northern - will become politically much more vexed.

The Guardian's analysis of the fine print in the accounts shows that directors have received a raft of compensation, spanning payments for loss of office and for share options, top-up pensions contributions and last-minute pay

Top of the pay league comes Ken Harvey, former chair-man of Norweb, who was paid £610,248 for his eight months' service prior to Norweb's ac-

But the legal requirement | quisition by North West | pendence. Apart from the mil-ic the companies that have | Water.' This is against | lion-pound payments to cur-cen taken over to file ac | £233,599 for the previous 12 |

Mr Harvey was also paid £407,300 compensation for loss of office and more than

and former chairman James Smith, other board directors shared outlays of £1.85 million for share options and company's 1995 accounts suggests Mr Harvey also had share options worth rectnrs for loss of a "performance share scheme".

The paymants were in addition to the £533,000 paid to discounts for loss of a "performance share scheme".

The system of generous awards is a direct product of the Government's privatisation of the industry in 1990

£1.48 million. also did well. Cancelling the more than £6.4 million. Compensation for loss of office and benefits for the boardroom as a whole cost some 2770,000, pay another £530,000, bonuses £168,000, and pension

top-ups another £570,000. Eastern Group executives were also well paid in the company's final year of inde-

21.48 million. At Seeboard, now owned by Other Norweb executives the US utility Central and

South Western, there were executive share option few pay-offs because most of scheme cost the company the board stayed on. But share options made the directors £1.7 million, on a conser vative analysis. Much of this came from a tranche of 417,000 options awarded as late as June 1996, five months before the board and CSW announced they had struck terms for a £1.6 billion agreed

to company performance. But the accounts state that "as a result of the offer, performance criteria relating to options granted on 9 June, 1995 no longer apply".

The closing months of the company's independence also saw part-time chairman Sir Keith Stuart's salary — which is paid to Associated British Ports — rise by 27.6 per cent to £87,000 for nine months'

The companies that supply Wales and Merseyside, Man-web and South Wales Electricity, also paid hefty compensation to the boardroom. Swalec paid holders of share options 21 per share as comensation for the cancellation of a planned share consolidapany 25.7 million as a whole. with some £426,000 going to

the boardroom. The changes meant that boardroom costs at Swalec rose last year from £887,700 to £2.78 million.

In Manweb's boardroom costs rose from £1 million to £3 million as the company

This final tranche of op- paid fees of \$700,000, £1.3 mil- following its acquisition by The payments to individ-tions was supposed to relate lion in compensation, and the Southern Company of the uals pale alongside the 21 million in pensions, bene-

fits and share options. has also filed accounts interim results.

US. However, it does not disclose directors' remuneration South Western Electricity on the grounds that they are

Windfalls for the directors

Compensation for loss of office Compensation for loss of share option

£12.3 million 26.4 million

Compensation for loss of office

Compensation for executive options Compensation for loss of office

Seeboard — bought by CSW of US for £1.6 b

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restructuring costs following the takeovers. Apart from blo costs of some £64 million be-tween the five of the companies — Eastern does not break down its defence costs clearly — the groups have spent £212 million to restructure their operations.

The difficulty for Mr Lang

is that the system of generous awards -- in particular well-cushioned share option schemes — is a direct product of the Government's privati-sation of the industry in 1990. Closer to home, it was min-laters' decisions to lift protective "golden shares" in the companies that opened the flood gates for the spate of takeover bids which has seen all but three regional electricity companies either lose their independence or attract takeovers. Mr Lang has, with

only two exceptions — the bids by National Power and PowerGen for RECs - waved the offers through. With the takeover bings still continuing apace, he may find himself in the firing line

## 'Slack' security ruined **Crown's Lazard case**

Fraud trial collapse puts focus on plight of telex operators, says **Dan Atkinson** 

■HE £1 million-plus fraud trial involving top mer-chant bank Lazard Brothers collapsed last week because evidence of lax security torpedoed the Crown's claim that only defendant Jacqueline Tomlinson could have been guilty.

The Guardian has learned the prosecution called a halt when it became clear that one of any number of people could have penetrated Lazards'

Miss Tomlinson walked free from Snaresbrook Crown

sized by proof of lax security at Lazards, and the Crown chose to withdraw its

News of slack security prevailing at Lazards four years ago comes just days after Mid-land Bank flashed an SOS from its security chief, John Bryant, warning that Far Eastern crime syndicates have identified the interna-tional bank telex system "as

banking community to frus-trate the fraudsters.

In the wake of the case's collapse, attention now fofree from Snaresbrook Crown cuses on the plight of three Court on Friday after just a telex operators, including

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an ideal way to defraud institutions' Mr Bryant urged a world-wide joint response from the

few days of a trial expected to Miss Tomlinson, who left the last up to three weeks. It is thought the circumstantial evidence against her was capof early retirement. Lazards whether it now considered accusations. iniustice Among the instances of lax

security at Lazards in 1992 are thought to be suggestions that the card-key system could easily be circumvented by using back staircases and that telex request forms were on display throughout the Lazards' position is that the case collapsed because of lack

of evidence.
City of London Police fraud squad, which investigated the alleged crime, has closed the file pending new evidence or further information. Police arrived at Lazards on September 28 1992 to investigate a

fraud discovered on the afternoon of September 25 and allegedly committed on Septem-Miss Tomlinson, aged 37, of Stepney, east London, pleaded not guilty to conspiring to de-fraud Lazard Brothers. She COMPETITION

> man Huseyin Coban and Mr Coban was said by the Crown to have fled to Turkey from his former home in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. The Crown said an associate, George Perrett, was arrested at Heathrow carrying 52 mil-

was accused of having con-

spired with Turkish business-

lion of the money.

Prosecutor Richard McGregor Johnson told jurors she had sent out two forged telexes to banks in Zurich and Frankfurt, ordering the transfers of SFrE2.3 million and DM£1.9 million to two Turkish bank accounts.

The Crown added that by September 25, the money had been shifted into US dollars and moved to a New York bank; £750,000 had been outside Lloyd's.

## Trailblazing green firms lose patience with silent majority

Roger Cowe

OMPANIES that have led the way in report-ing on their environmental impact are demand ing that other firms follow their example or be compelied to do so. John Elkington, chair-

man of the consultancy Sustainability, said yesterday that companies that have blazed a green trail

sions, spending and social mpacts generally.
Speaking at the launch of

an international review of green reporting, he said the trail-blazers had set a target of 10.000 companies worldwide producing some kind of social report by the year 2005. The current tally

is no more than 400. "They do not want to se

over the past five years wanted to see dramatic progress in reporting on emission are not yet calling for man-

datory reporting, but this will come," he said.

Mr Elkington predicted an explosion of activity over the next few years even without mandatory requirements, as demands for greater transparency force more companies to report beyond their traditional financial bound-

"Stakeholders are begin-ning to demand a new kind of report that goes beyond the gloss and beyond the green," Mr Elkington said. The research published

yesterday, in conjunction with the United Nations En have moved from the original public relations docu-

ments to serious, compara-

Only Body Shop came close, however, to meeting the requirements for comprehensive stakeholder reporting. Other leading companies included Phillips advanced companies are still falling short of what users want, although many have moved from the control of the Petroleum and the US chem-Engaging Stakeholders. From Sustainability, 0171-937

## Radical rejig for Lloyd's

Pauline Soringett

LOYD'S of London yes-terday unveiled the most radical restructuring plan in its 300-year history in an attempt to curb escalating costs, including personnel, and sharpen its commercial

Chief executive Ron Sandler said the plan, which will be implemented in January 1997, would involve scrapping the current muddled struc-ture of the Lloyd's Corporation, which administrates the insurance market.

The key plank of the re-vamp will be the establish-ment of business units dedicated to specific areas such as insurance services and North America. These will report to boards comprised of members drawn from firms that operate in Lloyd's, and so will be answerable to the Lloyd's marketplace. They will be run like small businesses and will have to produce annual bud-gets and strategic plans.

In the long run, Mr Sandler expects some of the services, such as claims handling, will also be available to customers Mr Sandler conceded that jobs cuts among the 2,400 cor- ing its competitive edge.

poration staff would be inev-itable, although he refused to say how many people would face the axe. But he insisted the revamp would produce definite overall benefits. "I believe this does create the opportunity for cost savings across the board." Mr Sandler is under consid-

erable pressure to revitalise the antiquated insurance market swiftly. Lloyd's al-most collapsed after thousands of its investors were nearly bankrupted after the market lost 63 billion in 1985-92. Two months ago, it pulled off a ground-breaking £3.2 billion rescue deal with the investors or Names.

But both Mr Sandler and Llovd's chairman. David Rowland, have made no secret of the fact that much work still needs to be done to enable Lloyd's to compete effectively in the increasingly competitive international instrance market.

There is particular concern about Lloyd's costs, which have been rising alarmingly. in 1995, they outstripped in-come by £18 million. This was partly because of the expense of sorting out the rescue deal.



# . Smith left down in the mouth

RITISH sport, as the lack of success at the Atlanta Olympics amply demonstrated, is clearly in need of money at the grassroots level, but let nobody run away with the idea that the advent of Lot-tery funding will lead directly

Tennis, thanks to the millions the Wimbledon champi-onships generate, is not short of funding and the Lawn Ten-mis Association supports up-and-coming youngsters very generously. Yet internationally, Henman and Rusedski apart, British tennis belongs

to the also-rans.
The association was understandably in rather prickly mood yesterday after Sam Smith had pointed out this obyous fact and further suggested that the players were rewarded too early for not doing enough. Smith quickly retracted the criticism, explaining that it was not aimed at the LTA but more at the media.

By this time it was too late, for the governing body had clearly put a hex on Smith, the No. 1 seed, who lost 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 against Claire Taylor

negative feeling towards them," said Smith after her defeat, a disclaimer that was as hollow as her original criti-cism had been barbed.

There are those in Telford's echoing halls and warren of corridors who are under the impression that British tennis in general would be if the man from Montreal became the criticism is both totally out of catalyst which enabled the order and patently untrue.

Tim Herman's success and let us not forget he has yet to win a major interna-tional tournament, never then need to do is keep his or mind a Grand Slam — has in- her mouth shut.

upbeat mood, and Greg Rusedski, who yesterday reached the quarter-finals of the Nationals with a 7-6, 6-4 win over Miles Maclagan, came to the corporate defence

came to the corporate detence of his fellow pros.

"Sam is wrong," he said, and five minutes later Nestië UK announced he was to become its tennis ambassador. In fact Rusedski, whose affinity with young spectators is always apparent, will eventu-ally, via this role, attempt to bring tennis to the inner-city

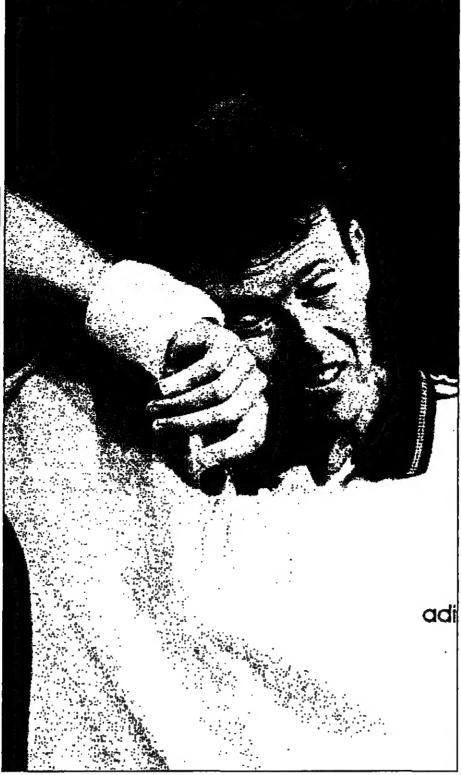
youngsters.
The real trouble with tennis in Britain, and something that the LTA with its plethora of committees and sub-committees has never properly addressed, is that the country's best athletes very rarely get a sniff of the sport which snuggles in its essentially middle-class enclaves.

It took the action of a rebel David Lloyd, the millionaire and Davis Cup captain, to get indoor tennis centres built, but when he applied for the chief executive's job this year he did not even get on the shortlist. Worse still, he only learned this second-hand.
Those within the LTA will argue long and hard that

throwing money at a sport does not guarantee success, westerday.

"The LTA have supported me very well and I have no negative feeling towards sydney Olympics."

does not guarance success, as an impatient public will probably discover during the Sydney Olympics. in tennis, is the raw talent that is found in, for example, athletics — a sport poorly run at the top, short of money but considerably more successful? sport to lift a champion out of the inner city and find him or her a court to play on after



Brow-beaten . . . the former British No. 1 Jeremy Bates finds the going tough against Northamptonshire's Paul Robinson, losing 6-4, 6-3

### Sport in brief

### County for SA coach

GLAMORGAN have ap-pointed the South African Duncan Fletcher as their coach for next summer. He will take up the post at the end of his country's cricket season and stay with the Welsh county until Septem-

Welsh county ber 16, when he will resume his current position with Western Province.

Fletcher was with South Africa A on their tour of Africa A on their tour of Langland in July and August ber of strokes in the whip guidelines will no longer lead to automatic suspension. Golf

Scotland's Catriona Matthew shot the best round of her career, an eight-under-par 65, to take a one-stroke lead on the opening day of the Australian Women's Masters on the Gold Coast. Matthew, who won last week's Australian Open in Melbourne, carded

#### Rugby Union

Leicester's match against the Barbarians, which is usually played on December 27, has been switched to February 25 this season because of fixture

#### Boxing

Brighton's Scott Welch has given up the British heavy-weight title to concentrate on a WBO championship cam-paign. His decision gives Nor-wich's Herble Hide the chance to regain the title he won in February 1993 but never defended; he has been nominated to fight Julius Francis from Woolwich for the vacant title before the end of February.

Ras Turner in Ariel was first to finish the second part of the opening leg of Clipper '96 when he and his 13-man crew sailed into Fort Lauderdale with a lead of 200 miles, writes Bob Fisher. In the previous 24 hours, benefiting from strong northerly winds, Ariel had covered 243 miles.

### **SPORTS NEWS 13**

Racing

## **Jockey Club** set to relax whip rules

Chris Hawkins

ERE Jockey Club is bowing to pressure from within racing to amend the whip rules which have resulted in five jockeys being suspended in two Classic

to automatic suspension.

Any disciplinary action will soon be at the discretion of the racecourse yet, who in

the racecourse vet, who in the event of a ferocious finish and at the behest of the local stewards will look at the horses involved.

ble by trying to come between Ballylea Boy and the runner-up. Nicholson has decided to run Barton Bank in tomor-

Bruising of the animals will mean automatic suspension, but jockeys who exceed the number of laid down strokes will not necessarily be banned as is the case now.

Following the bad will idea.

professionals.
This will put right the ludi-

The Jockey Club had seemed unduly influenced by the vociferous criticism of minority movements in formu-lating the old whip rule and being more concerned with the image of the sport rather than practicalities of jockeys

No doubt the animal rights

poeple will have something to
say on the matter, but if
cruelty is now to be the prin
Its A Snip has finished first, cipal criterion they can have and more recently third, in no complaints.

riding a finish.

the Tiffield Handicap Chase won by Ballylea Boy — the first leg of a double for David

Adrian Maguire. Ballylea Boy held Ardcroney Chief by a neck up the hill after a punishing three miles and a furlong, but the favourne Celtic Silver, heaten four lengths in third, had the door closed on him when challenging before the last.

Richard Guest, rider of Celtic Silver, thought the stewards were "a bit easy on Magnire" but it has to be said that Guest made his own trou-ble by trying to come between Ballylea Boy and the runner-

run Barton Bank in tomor-row's Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham and, with the top weight Dublin Flyer also certain to take his chance, the race is not short of quality.

"Barton Bank worked At yesterday morning and as he

Following the bad publicity and ridicule heaped on the authorities after the imposition of whip-bans in the 2,000 Guineas and St Leger this season why he shouldn't run," said Nicholson.

Tim Forster, noted for his pessimism, was not quite so upbeat about Dublin Flyer, believing last year's winner has too much weight this time, but at least the stable is time. rais will put right the ludi-crous situation where a skilled rider is penalised for doing his job regardless of whether there are just grounds.

brainy race" on Second Call, allowing the mare to get her second wind before mounting a challenge up the hill after looking beaten with three to jump. On Sunday at Cheltenham

in the Sporting Index Cross

At Towcester yesterday relish the three miles and there was no whip contro-versy, but a lengthy stewards' race, although Mann is worinquiry into the outcome of ried about the ground.

### Cheltenham with form

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3.35 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS HOYICEP CHASE In 11 25,040 TOP PORM TIPS: Factor Ten S, The Last Play ? Sentings 4-9 The Last Flee, 3-1 Factor Ten. 5-1 Sterestracter, 20-1 Misor Kay. PORTER GOODS - THEE LAST PLING: 5-5 law, businessy 4 out, led 2 out, ran on well, we

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YOU FORM TIPE Renders Harvest S, Blue Charm 7, Dies Bentiops 9-4 Random Harvani, 4-4 Stue Charm, 5-1 Jymjem Johnny, 8-1 Show Your Hand, 8-1 Rave de Valse, Diamond Sprits. 3.45 LACE TAXTONAL NUTET HOVICED HERDLE ON 110yd C2,402

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DOSON ARCUS (76) W Mut 5-9-3

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00004 SELK COTTAGE (227) (D) R Whitsher 4-8-12
24100 SCOSSOR REDOE (16) (C) (D) J Bridger 4-8-9
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25005 KALAR (8) (CD) D Chapman 7-8-5
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\_E Region 9 \_Dane O'Nell 6 \_E Lappin 10 \_D 8 McCabe 5\*\* \_A Collano 4\* 10 HOSH TAPS: Featherstone Lune 8, GI Le High 7, Checky Chappy 6
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SAM MOREL HERO (20) J Sharkan 8-7
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3.25 SOUTHWENT TOOLS & FIXENSS AUCTION MARRIES STAKES STO IN 25 12,817 BOUTHINGTON TOOLS & FIXINGS AUCTION MA 000 B J CAT (\*1) W MAIP 9-0 0- GO TOO MOOR (SET) G STRICTY 9-0 EAD ALDK M Playmes 9-0 OSTRATCHING (\*4) A Belay 9-0 0-05 BELLAMENTO (151) J Proper 9-0 DUTCES DYAME G Enright 9-9 KERRE COMPANION T Magnitum 9-9 19-200 LAWSDER DELLA (RES) M Propersion-God 4-0 PERSHASSON (EX) Lord Hamingdon 8-9 18-700 LAWSDER DELLA (RES) M PROPERSION 8-9 18-700 LAWSDER DELLA (RES) M PROPERSION 8-9 18-700 LAWSDER (RELA (RES) M PROPERSION 8-9 18-700 LAWSDER (RES) M PROPERSION 8-9 18 TOP FORM TIPE: Levender Delle 9, Persuasion 7, Stretching 6
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02503 SALVES HAIN EAU (2) R Vindakar 6-0-5
02502 ROCK THE BARNESY (22) (D) (WP) P Burgoren 7
050043 TABLYAR (20) R Hollnehead 4-0-4

Southampton on handy mark

AST ground at Chelten-ham has ruined today's phy's In A Bottle Hurdle.

card when there are only 29 runners, providing punters this and I am prepared to give with very poor fare, writes Chris Hawkins.

Only four go to post in each of the four televised races, starting with the Mitsubishi Shogun Handicap Chase in which Southampton (2.25) looks the likely winner.

Toby Balding, the gelding's trainer, said at Monday's Hennessy lunch that he regards Southampton as on a very fair mark at the moment and it is hard to disagree with him after the way the sixyear-old ran on his reappear-ance when runner-up to Callisoe Bay at Stratford. A Cheltenham winner in

the past, he has a reputation for being a tricky ride, but Tony McCoy seems to have struck up a successful part-nership with him and takes the mount this afternoon.

Danjing (3.00) blotted his copy-book at Newbury on Novices Handicap Chase. He nesday when running out

and Martin Pipe gives him lit-tile time to reflect on what he might regard as a triumph by The state of the s

him another chance.

Sue Smith, wife of Harvey of showjumping same, has he horses in good form and The Last Fling (3.35) is preferred to Factor Ten in the Steel Plate and Sections Novices

The Last Fling acts well on fast ground and recorded a decent speed figure when beat-ing Chopwell Curtains at Wetherby over three miles

and a furlong last time. There are some moderate animals in the Eurbale Conditional Jockeys Hurdle and it nothing looks capable of winning Ramsdens (4.05), is the selection on the strength of a fourth behind Mytton's

Choice at Chepstow. At Ayr, Random Harvest should be spot on after finish

Results

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1.00 (2m 5f Cbb) 1, BALLYEA BOY, A
Maguire (3-1); 2, Arriaronney Chief (5-1);
3, Cothie Stever (7-4 fev), 5 ran M. 5 ID
Nicholson) Tox E3.50, E7.80, E3.00 Dual F
E12.00 CSF. E18.46, 1 (av), 5 ran M. 5 ID
Nicholson) Tox E3.50, E7.80, E3.00 Dual F
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Witness—dis—Baryarnet (5-2), 7 (an 6, 3b, C)
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Light.

28.00. CSF. C11.01. Tricast: F19 62. Not. Not Light.
2.80 (2mm Ch): 1, SECOMD CALL, R Dun-woody (15-8 19-fav). 2, Key To Moyade (8-1), 3, Thinking Twices (15-8 19-fav). 5 ren. 14. 13, [Capt T Forster] Toto. 62.00. F1.30. E2.10 Dual F: C7.80. CSF. F15.82.
3.20 (2mm Heliel) 1, POTTER'S CALE, A Maguire (4-5 lav); 2, Minefocusion (9-1); 3, Lasty High Stearist (16-1) 11 ran 5, 15. (D Nichtston) Toto: Ti 80; E1.10, E2.40. E4.80 [Dual F: C7.50. Trio. E30.90. CSF: E3.55 NR. Royal Ruter.

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# Foreign 'mercenaries' and 'FA dummies' cop a Sugaring

lan Ross

LAN SUGAR yester day branded some overseas stars "mer cenaries", predicted that many would have left England by the start of next season, and then warned Mid-dlesbrough and the rest of the Premiership that they were heading for a crisis.

AMIE POLLOCK will

this weekend buck the prevailing trend when he joins Bolton Wanderers.

The England Under-21

midfielder is poised to return to England only two

months after using the Bos-

man ruling to move abroad

to the Spanish club Osa-

suna on a free transfer from Middlesbrough. Pollock, 22, left Boro —

year, none has yet been signed. But Sugar reminded the meeting how he bought Jürgen Klinsmann and Glca Popescu after the 1994 World Cup and the problèms which The Tottenham chairman was robustly defending his that had sparked. Klinsmann uation at Middlesbrough quer and go."

prudent buying policy in res- | left after a year and Popescu even sooner. club's AGM. One shareholder claimed: "We are watching

dross at White Hart Lane."

Despite numerous reports

linking Spurs with a galaxy of foreign stars over the past

- after being told that the arrival on Teesside of the

foreign imports Emerson and Juniuho meant he

could no longer be guaran-teed regular first-team

abroad and has spent the past few days negotiating personal terms with the

ambitious Lancashire club.

"We were the innovators when we signed Klinsmann but there is a price to pay," he said. "I predict that come May 1997 a lot of the foreign legion will not be returning to certain clubs.

"They come here for a year to better themselves and for personal gain because they saw what happened with Klinsmann. But we have a sit-

Under the terms of a gen

tleman's agreement, it is thought that Middles-

when Pollock moves to Burnden Park.

£8 million from the sum-

After collecting around

of last season.

brough will receive
But he swiftly tired of life £350,000 from Osasuna

A fee of around £700,000 mer sales of Alan Stubbs to

where a player's wife does not | thing falls apart." He described many clubs as

Tottenham imitators "who were jealous of the hype surrounding us. Arsenal sign Dennis Bergkamp and Chel-sea got Ruud Gullit, followed by the cast of an Italian opera. But you have to make sure foreign players are going to

Pollock to make splash with Bolton sional club £2 million when he was rold is keen to invest in being courted by Premier new players. This week the side of the ship clubs towards the end standing interest in the Welsh international for-ward Mark Hughes, who may shortly find himself surplus to requirements at

Chelsea after the arrival from Italy of Gianfranco Despite night's 3-1 defeat at Birmingham City, Bolton are still four points clear at the has already been agreed for Celtic and Sasa Curcic to still four points clear at a player who was valued at Aston Villa, Bolton's Colin top of the First Division.

He also issued a storm warning about the effects of the Bosman ruling accusing "the dummies at the FA" of not understanding its full

"We've faced all sorts of disasters in every season since I've been at the club but noth-ing as damaging as the effects of the Bosman ruling. It is the greatest danger facing this club and the rest of football. Even clever people such as Even clever people such as Sir John Hall at Newcastle don't understand the ramifi-cations of Bosman, let alone the dummies at the FA."

But Sugar convinced a po-tentially volatile AGM that the club was in safe hands and he ended up being cheered. "People question my motives at Tottenham but the only thing I've got out of the club since 1991 is unadulter-ated stick," he said. "The profits belong to the club and not me. I see it as a personal

"I will probably never be a popular character here, no chairman ever is, but you could have had Robert Maxwell, who jumped off his boat. Ironically I bought a boat shortly after taking control of | Iversen.

Rugby Union Davies earns return to **Wales squad** 

the club but I have no inten tion of jumping off it at the moment Myself and Gerry Francis will do everything we have to to make people happy by being successful, but it will take time.

"We have sorted out the fi-

nancial side and now it's time for the second phase of the master plan. We are full of ambition and will not rest until we've achieved things."
Francis defended his twoyear record at Tottenham and pointed to injuries to key players as a reason for the club's inability to win tro-phies. "I know not all of our players are good enough but we are looking all the time for

new ones and we can compete with other clubs.

missed out on more than 10 players in recent transfer ne gotiations but confirmed that he was still hopeful of signing

"It has been difficult com-ing back into union but I'm delighted to have this chance of playing for Wales again," he said.

he said.

The Wales coach Kevin
Bowring said: "Jonathan has started to string some notable"

Total Consortium believed to be headed by the Pembroke-shire holiday park owner Mel Davies which had been poised to back the club.

Robert Armstrong

ONATHAN DAVIES,

who took his talents

who played in three Five Nations games last season, are also included.

autumn's World Cup before

he returned to the union code. He won 27 Welsh RU caps and

He has taken time to re-

adjust to rugby union but has been in impressive form this season, helping Cardiff to the quarter-finals of the Euro-

pean Cup, in which they play Bath at the Arms Park

performances together, playing with control and impressive decision-making. We need more of that, and now that he has started to put those qualities together I am looking forward to seeing him

north seven years ago but returned to rugby union last season, has been recalled as part of the squad."

But there is no place for another former league profesto the Wales squad for the international against Australia sional, the Richmond No. 8 on December 1. The Cardiff fly-half, one of Scott Quinnell, who has been involved in a protracted pay dispute with the Welsh Rugby three stand-offs in a squad of 26, last played for Wales against Romania eight years ago. Neil Jenkins, the present No. 10, and Arwel Thomas.

The Bath Banker Richard Webster, formerly of Salford Reds, is included but misses his club's quarter-final tomo row after fracturing a knuckie last week.

Davies, who played the 13-man game for Widnes and Warrington, led the Wales rugby league side that reached the semi-finals of last autump's World Cup before WALES SQUAR: Backs: W Precto: (Lianelli), J Thomas (Cordift, I Sums (Lianelli) D James. G Thomas (boll Eridgend), S Gibbs (Swantes), L Davies (Cardiff), N Joskian (Pontyprid), A Thomas (Swantes), J Davies, R Nowley · Llanelli, who have a European Cup quarter-final at Brive on Sunday, are search ing for a new backer. But their chairman Stuart Gallacher has assured the play. ers they will be paid despite the breakdown of talks with a potential £3 million benefactor, a consortium believed to

### **Teesside samba** now a Brazilian excuse-me

David Hopps on the goings and goings that have shaken angry Middlesbrough

RYAN ROBSON's infat-Suation with Brazilian football edged a little closer to final disillusionment yesterday as Middlesbrough's despondent midfield player Emerson failed to meet the club's latest deadline to return to the Riverside

has anyone generated such oride in Middlesbrough as their three Brazilians, and Gibson, though, is display-

ing the place.
Captain Cook made three might well prove equally ter-minal to Middlesbrough's ambitions to become one of the Premiership's major forces.

Branco has aiready gone, Emerson's whereabouts remain a mystery (the manager is willing for the moment to believe reports that he is visiting a sick aunt) and even Juninho's faitering expressions of loyalty yesterday to television and radio had the air of stage-management about them; Middlesbrough refused to allow him to repeat them to the press.

matic line than his chairman Steve Gibson as yesterday's 10:un deadline expired for the return of Emerson, whom Robson signed from Porto for £4 million in the summer.

"Emerson is definitely in Brazil, that's all I know," Rob-son said. "He is in breach of contract but I'm taking no to him first. I'd rather resolve

side. There are bound to be some problems at a club with 50 players, but I don't expect especially in the first few months of it."

Middlesbrough now say they expect Emerson to return next week. His partner Andrea is reported to be home-sick and no amount of contemplating Tees Bay, as the winds whip in off the North Sea, has promised to alleviate the symptoms. An English winter is still to come.

With a little more flexibility Middlesbrough could have of ficially extended his leave and perhaps avoided the present conflict. He is suspended Not since Captain James for three league games and Cook more than 200 years ago cannot play until the Coca-

Gibson, though, is displaythe similarity is increasingly | ing the impatience of a chairstriking; they seem to have as | man who is paying exorbitant much of a hankering for leav- salaries to his star trio - Emerson, Juninho and the Italian striker Ravanelli — and voyages before his death in a expects more in return than a scuffle in Hawaii in 1779. The slide into the bottom half of passing of three Brazilians the Premiership. He is threatening to fine Emerson a fort-night's wages, ask Fifa to impose a worldwide ban, perhaps even buy him a caravan at Redcar.

One member of the Emer son family has stayed behind on Teesside. His cousin Flavio has been staying at Emerson's house and has even trained with Boro's first-team squad, presumably in the hope that Robson is so enamoured of Brazilians that he will offer him a contract. "As far as I know he is coming back," Flavio said.

Bobby Robson, who reluctantly sold Emerson when manager at Porto, yesterday dampened speculation that he wants to be reunited with the player at Barcelona. Italy now appears to be the Brazilian's most likely destination. When Juninho first asked

where Middlesbrough was, he

ing out with the Yorkshire club. Leeds wanted him back

at Elland Road but he refused to return and instead threat-

Brolin's fellow Swedish in-

ternational Jesper Blomqvist has signed for Milan from IFK

Gothenburg. The Italian



Looking elsewhere . . . Emerson, still in Brazil, may now be heading for Italy

cross national boundaries. "I lived in a big city before I came here and I knew I'd have problems adapting so brought my family with me," he said. "It's different for Emwas told it was on the coast. A erson: he is alone except for year later he still remains, his girlfriend and it's tough to him first. I'd rather resolve even if he was quoted in Italy for him. He has no friends this situation by helping him last week as saying that he here but I can go out and have and his partner settle on Tees wanted to join a Serie A club.

but he could be happy."
The history of South Ameri can players in England does not encourage such a view Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa (the latter not without diffi-culty) did Tottenham proud,

Expressions of loyalty rarely | ily. I think Emerson will | tini, lasted only 23 matches at cross national boundaries. | return. There are problems | Birmingham City.

The Brazilian striker Mirandinha attracted most attention at Newcastle when Paul Gascoigne shook him by the throat to try to teach him the offside rule. And another Brazilian, Muller, abandoned but another member of Argentina's 1978 World Cup winplans to join Everton once it dawned on him that be would ning squad, Alberto Taranhave to pay income tax.

### **Players** strike deal

HE threat of a player strike was averted yes-terday when the Na-tionwide League clubs agreed a deal with the Professional Footballers'

Association.
Under the deal the union will receive £750,000 a year for five years, the first payment going on benevolent packages, insurance and education. A further £600,000 a year will be spent on other projects to be decided by the clubs and

The package was agreed after a half-hour meeting between all 72 clubs at a London hotel.

The secretary of the Football League, Andy Williamson, said: "Obviously we are pleased that this saga has now been brought to a

The PFA had balloted its members on strike action after the League refused to pay the established 10 per cent levy from its television income on a new £125 million deal with BSkyB.

The player vote was understood to be in favour of industrial action, but the PFA chief executive Gordon Taylor held back the result while negotiations recommenced. Last season the union had received

Yesterday's meeting had an unpleasant codicil for the League president Gordon McKeag, whose chair was whisked from under him when the clubs overwhelmingly backed a call for an overhaul of the

League's structure.
The change would see the seven-man board scrapped and replaced by a nine-man body, though it needs to be ratified by a 75 per cent vote at an emergency meet-ing next month. McKeag would keep his title until next summer but relin-quish his position as board chairman.

(Eng) bit J Wellerne (Thel) 6-1; 8 Headry (Scot) bit G Willdreich (Eng) 5-4; J Pargu-son (Eng) bit A McManus (Scot) 5-8.

Fixtures

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MERTS SAMEBURY'S CLASSIC COLA NATIONAL CUP: Querter Studies London NATIONAL CUP; Querter flesier L v Manchester (8.0); Newcasde v Bir hem (7,30); Sheffeld v Leicester (7.3

Cricket and A (00.30).

ice Hockey BURGPEAN CUP: Samb drain Group H Storhamar HT v Sheffeld (3.50); HPK Ha-mountings v Palymir Navogolobik (7.0).

© The IOC president Just Artenic Samaranch has preised the Barcelona Surner
Olympia Games as "the best of all time"
and said the Alianta Chympics were
marred by a long list of shortcomings. In
an interview with the Frankfurt Aligemeire
Zeitung, Samaranch said he did not proclaim the Alianta Games with the usual
post-Olympic superietives because of the
mutitude of problems ranging from transport bottlemeats to technology failures.
"I was right by not tailing of the "best
gentes ever." Semaranch told the newpage in an interview in Cancus, Medico.
"Imagine what the world would have said
II had called these the best Games."
He said tong waits for accreditation,
poorly trained drivers who got tost on the
way to events, bechanically problems and
the failure to co-ordinate security were git
deficiencies in Alfansa.

I say that all we want is to see everything sorted out as soon as possible," he said.
"The only thing any of us want to do is to play rugby — and we are getting the opportunity to play top-class rugby." on the new divisions

had reunited the top 24 clubs

in common cause against the RFU does not stand close scrutiny. The majority of cash-strapped clubs want to sign a deal with Twickenham

because they are desperate to qualify for RFU money to help them pay the salaries of play-

It is understood that even

wealthy Richmond, who are

supported by a £2.5 million in-vestment by Ashley Levett, are on the point of breaking

ranks with natural allies such

as Newcastle and Saracens and accepting the RFU deal communicated directly to in-

The elite of financially

stable clubs, which includes

Newcastle, Harlequins, Wasps, Bath, Leicester and

Northampton, believe they must continue to negotiate

until they have gained almost

complete control over their

own competitions and sources

well-off minority can afford to

pay their way, courtesy of mil-lionaire benefactors such as Sir John Hall and Andrew

A fresh crisis in relations

ers from the Five Nations

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Players face bar

from tour games

between the RFU and its leading clubs A claim by an Epruc direc-tor that the "intransigence" of Cliff Brittle, chairman of

NGLAND's leading clubs have reneged on their promise to release players in Courage Leagues One and Two for the div-isions' matches against tour-ing sides from the southern hemisphere. Yesterday the clubs' umbrella organisation, English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, said that Eng-land's three pre-Christmas internationals are the only representative games for which players will be made freely

The clubs' decision not to co-operate with the RFU's divisional programme follows the latest breakdown in talks with the union simed at resolving the nine-month dispute over television agreements and control of competitions.

Epruc Wants to put its case to next friday's meeting of the full 63-man RFU committee. But the RFU is unlikely to be impressed by Epruc negotiators who seem willing to play fast and loose with the players' representative ambi-tions by withdrawing them the next month against Argentina, Queensland, South Africa A and the New Zealand

they are not under urgent pressure to make major com-This week Twickenham issued a policy statement warning the top players that the route to international between the sides could erupt in the new year if the clubs attempt to withhold the playrugby still lay through the divisions.

Derek Morgan, the chairman of the RFU National Playing Committee, said England's long-term planning for the 1999 World Cup was being jeopardised. "It is a desper-ately sad day for rugby," he

said last night.
A heartfelt call for peace be-

Championship, which, in England's case, starts with the Calcutta Cup match against Scotland on February

Members of the England squad would then have to choose between club and heartfelt call for peace be-en the sides was made by club contracts provide for the England prop Jason Leon-their release to play in Eng-tand, who wins his 50th cap in the international against Italy at Twickenham next Satur-day. "I think I can speak on behalf of all the players when

Snooker

#### **Gray leaves Parrott blue**

Clive Everton

DAVID GRAY, who in June last year at the age of 16 years and two months superseded Jimmy White as the youngest-ever English ama-teur champion, recorded the best win of his first professional season yesterday. He beat the world No. 4 John Parrott 5-3 in Preston to reach the last 16 of the German Open.

"David's a good little player and I was awful," said Par-rott. "The combination of the two has led to this." Gray played his final quali- their way. They can't get

fying round in Blackpool in September believing that he would then go on to Germany. But afterwards he discovered that his next match would in fact be at Preston Guildhall the day before the unspon-sored UK Championship, which begins there today.

After considering a reported 67 venues, the governing body the WPBSA decided to take not 32 but 16 players to Germany and play cember at the British military base at Osnabrück. The decision was greeted with derision as an irrelevance in terms of promoting the game to the German public.

The promoter Barry Hearn, in announcing this season's Dr Martens European League, one of the few events the WPBSA does not handle, said: "The WPBSA have lost sponsors and they can't market the game. The board is a total shambles.

White, the boy wonder of his day, has not won a match in his four events this season and yesterday went down 6-1 to the world No. 55 Mark

## Brolin fears end is near

HE ill-starred Leeds last November but had been chanted fans called for his loaned to FC Zurich after fall-resignation on Wednesday night. career may be over after the collapse of his loan move to

The Swede said yesterday thought it was unlikely that any club would want him after he failed a medical on the foot he broke two years ago. "it's going to be tough, word gets around," he said. A doctor in Italy said that a metal staple and screws inserted in his foot would have to be removed before he could

be passed fit. "He thought the staple would give me problems in training and games," Brolin said. "I was in shock when I left the doctor's. I can hardly believe it would end

Brolin signed for Leeds

champions have paid a fee be-lieved to be around £2 million for the left-sided attacker, 22, who tormented Manchester United in the Champions eague two years ago. "I can only say that Jesper

> Gothenburg chairman Gunnar Larsson. Manchester City closed ranks yesterday around their embattled chairman Francis

> is the most expensive player we have ever sold," said the

from Parma for £4.5 million Lee after hundreds of disen-

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Results

City's 3-2 defeat at home to Oxford United left them sixth from bottom of the First Division to follow their relega-

tion from the Premiership "There will be no comment made on what happened after last night's game," the Maine Road secretary Bernard Hal-ford said. "All I will say is that the chairman does a lot of very hard work on behalf of

City are on their fifth manager, the caretaker Phil Neal, since Lee won a bitter powerbattle with Peter Swales to take control in January 1994. "We are on a bit of a sticky wicket at the moment but we will have to battle through it," said Neal. Their next home game is on Tuesday against Huddersfield, managed by a former City incum-

The Preston manager Gary Peters will have at least 51 million to recruit players after a £3.7 million boost from the club's investors. The remaining money will go towards building a 6,000-seat

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### Sport and money

John Duncan hears good news and bad news about the massive National Lottery funding scheme for British elite competitors

# Redgrave warns on £40m hold-up

HE Government's delay in channelling Lottery money to top competitors may a ready have dama the Sports Council's £40 million-a-year scheme for elite performers, said Steve Red-grave, the four-times Olympic champion, at yesterday's

Participation of the second

launch of the programme. It is a worry that this money is not here straight away," said the veteran rower, "because obviously other countries are snapping

up the best coaches.

"Athletes are aware that
this pool of money is there,
and that is causing some confusion. But we are prepared to wait if we know that the scheme is going to be the best that it can be."

The money, to assist up to 4,500 elite performers, will not start flowing until next March, not soon enough to help the hard-up through winter training, especially those preparing for the 1997 athletics world championships. The British Athletic Federation's recent financial crisis caused the cancellation of several coaching sessions this winter. Redgrave's doubts were echoed by the shadow minis-ter for sport, Tom Pendry. "It is a shame that, due to the Government dragging its feet on this matter, the changes have taken so long," said the Labour MP. "Britain's athletes have lost crucial prepa-ration time in the next Olym-

that there is still no decision on a national stadium and a continuing delay over an elite British Academy of Sport.

The Sports Council sche when it comes on stream, will be a boon to top-level British sport, ensuring that competi-tors at national and international level will not have to take part-time jobs or struggle on the dole as they prepare to nt their country.

"It will be great for me," said the swimmer Paul allist in Atlanta. "If I get it, it would mean I could afford to move away from Lincoln to where the best facilities are."

Performers from age 11 up-wards will be able to apply for up to 228,000 of funding for 'lifestyle support'. A further £20 million has been set aside for coaches and scientists to work with the British elite. To win funding for their competitors, sports' governperformance targets stating what improvements they will achieve with the money. The next battle for the

Sports Council is to convince the Inland Revenue not to tax funding as income, a point

"We are in careful negotia-tion with them through the Department of National Heritage," said Sir Rodney Walker, the council's chairsaid Sir Rodney man. "We are trying to help them understand that the Treasury already taxes the Lottery at 12 per cent and shouldn't tax it again when we make grants to athletes."

Deserving causes



Form: In Britain's heavy-weight Olympic eight in 1992-96. Has rowed in seven world championships, notably in the 1991 bronze-medal eight. WALKER was so strapped for

cash in the run-up to Atlanta that he was forced to sell his training boat for £2,000 to pay for food and rent. He received £8,000 from the old Sports Aid Foundation's Top 100 Club, which all went on pre-Olym-pic training trips to Spain, Bulgaria, Florida and Canada His only sponsorship is a

which pays him £25 every time the company uses his image in a magazine. He has recently borrowed £10,000 to return to education — he is doing a PhD in environmental tudies at Imperial College and so remain in rowing He plans to go full-time



A new dawn for the best Britons . . . heavyweight rower Jim Walker scalls his way down the Thames in training



**Ben Ainslie** Sport: Sailing

medallist in Laser class. AFTER he qualified for the Atlanta Games, Ainsile's annual grant from the Royal Yachting Association was raised sixfold from £3,500 to £20,000. Though that may sound a lot, it costs £35,000 a year to keep an Olympic boat on the road and afloat. Like most of Britain's Olympians, Amslie's biggest supporters are his parents who provide rent-free living — also known as home com-forts — and financial help. "I sail in one of the cheaper classes but it still works out

has returned to his studies

expensive," said Ainslie, who

after training full-time for a year before Atlanta. Now I know the funds are available I can start preparing properly for the next four years and structure my training around Sydney without any worries."



Paul Palmer

Form: 1996 Olympic 400m free style silver medallist:

IT WAS Palmer's comments in Atlanta about lack of funding which set in motion the ate which led to vesterpublic think of the Olympics as a two-week affair which happens every four years," said. "But for the athletes they are a four-year affair

which happens every day."
It was not only Palmer who ade big sacrifices; his coach Ian Turner gave up his teaching post to train him full-time. lmer's main income was his £8,000 grant from the Top Swimming Association grant

The funding wasn't really enough to get me to the Olympics," he said. "But I got a medal; whether I would have got gold with better funding I'll never know."



**Angie Thorp** 

Form: 1996 Olympic 100m hur-dles semi-finalist, breaking Sally Gunnell's 10-year-old UB

THORP was unusual among Britain's Olympic team in that she combined athletic with full-time work. She lived off her £15,000

annual salary from Abbey National in Sheffield, her parents helping with items such as training trips abroad and vitamin supp After Atlanta she took the

decision to work part-time and move to Guildford to be near her coach in an all-out attempt to win a medal at nex She receives no sponsorship except for a kit deal and still relies on her parents for fi-

nancial help.
Thorp estimates she needs £20,000 a year to prepare properly for Sydney.



Lynn Simpson Sport: Canoeine

Age: 25 Form: Slalom world cham pion and World Cup series title-holder.

SIMPSON is an example of how the system might work if received £18,000, the maximum allowed, from the Top 100 Club last year and retained her position among

could have achieved more

Simpson warns against simply throwing money at the problem, however, saying "What's the use of people hav-ing the money if they don't have access to the facilities Nevertheless she feels she

Rugby League

### Wigan ask for less time on TV

Paul Fitzpatrick

OME clubs would kill to get on television, but Wigan are appealing for less exposure when the second Super League season

starts next year.

The first season, which ended with Wigan runners-up to St Helens, saw the club overtaken for the first time in 11 years as the sport's biggest crowd-pullers.

Now Wigan, in an attempt to entice back the 4,000 spec lators they have lost, are to revert to a 3pm Sunday start for all non-televised games.

equal air time for all Super League clubs and a restriction on the number of live ap-

pearances by any one team. Maurice Lindsay, the game's chief executive, said yesterday that Sky television would inev itably want to select the "plum" games but, before the schedules were announced, Wigan's concern would be con-

sidered sympathetically, "Sky try to the best of their ability to give a balanced spread," he said, "but, as the end of the season approaches teams pressing for the championship tend to figure more prominently than others. But we will try to make things as equitable as possible.

Wigan's falling crowds and mounting debts, put at about 23 million, mean that the club have been forced into a policy of economic stringency. The days of the "mega contract" at Central Park are over, Jack Robinson, the chairman, told this week's annual general

Wigan's recruitment policy was still as good as any, he said, "but we will have to be a the same sort of quality players we have recruited in the

Robinson has been as good as his word recently. Two 21-year-old highly rated Kiwis, the full-back David Murray Stuart Lester, have signed from Auckland Warriors and the prop Robert Henare, the Junior Kiwis captain, may

Wigan's directors will open talks next week with Dave Whelan, the owner of Wigan Athletic soccer club, about his offer to buy Central Park for \$4 million and his plans to redevelop the stadium for the

use of both clubs.

Meanwhile, lestyn Harris Warrington's 20-year-old Wales and Great Britain back who is on the transfer list at £1.35 million, has rejected the chance of joining Leeds. He Leeds's approach but had set his beart on joining St Profiles by Duncan Mackay | Helens.

Golf

No recognized to

# Trees knock Westwood sideways on the 18th

David Davies in Miyazakî

N ELEMENTARY error - "the recklessness of youth" Lee Westwood Lee Westwood himself called it — cost the 23-year-old Englishman the chance of a share of the lead in the Dunlop Phoenix event here in Japan yesterday. Westwood, winner last

week of the Visa Taihelyo event near Tokyo, had been duelling throughout the first round with Jumbo Ozaki, a Japanese giant in stature and reputation, trying to outhit a man who is largely regarded as un-outhittable. Westwood had managed to get his tee

shot past Ozaki on three occasions during the round, but by the 18th tee had lost the

up the middle and Westwood decided he "would try to hit it past him". "Instead," he smiled, "I hit it 30 yards into the trees." After that he struggled for a par at what is a birdicable par five and had to settle for a four-under-par 67, one behind the leader Tom Watson, level with Joe Ozaki and one ahead of Jumbo. Watson, level with Westwood on the last tee, birdied the hole to take the

matter much. He played the hole in conventional fashion, Ozaki smashed a huge drive playing short of the green be-fore pitching to 20 feet and boling the last of only 28 putts. He also holed one of 45

feet, two of 18 and one of 15. Westwood's self-confessed recklessness off the 18th tee meant that not only was he deep in the trees to the right, he was behind one of them and with a root directly in front of his ball. His had to play out sideways with a wedge; then he hit a magnificent three-wood 247 yards on outright lead, accepting in cent three-wood 247 yards on double which would mature fashion that he was to the green before missing 2327,000 in prize-money.

going to be 20 yards or so behind Joe Ozaki but deciding that on the whole it did not matter much. He played the bole in conventional fashion. wood and wedge," he said afterwards. "I played it with a drive, wedge and three-wood, so what's the difference?" But this talented young Worksop golfer knows full well the difference, and conceded after wards that being drawn into a big-hitting pattle with the likes of Jumbo Ozaki had

> Nevertheless, with four hirdies and no bogies, he put himself into a good position to emulate last week's win, a double which would yield

"It helps," he said after-wards, "to play with good players playing well because it brings you along. It was fun board with a legend like Tom

undecided whether to play in the field of 25 in the Japan Series event in two weeks' time, with its \$300,000 (£186,000) first prize, has now decided that he will go home at the end of this week, and stay there. "Tm tired." he said yesterday. "Twe been at home for six weeks since January and my mum and dad and fiancee have forgotten

son is both good and young. on is ooth good and young.
"He's got a modern swing, a
good action, he's a good putter and he's 23 years old; I'd
trade places with him," said the American who has won

eight major championships what Watson considers to be a "preity good" year into an excellent one, given that be-fore he won the Memorial event in June he had not won anything of significance for eight years. He has yet an-other new putter and al-though he says it has not lems, he compensates by hol-

### **Motor Racing**

with even better funding. "I

could spend well over £20,000

training around the world."

about five-star luxury, just the opportunity to pursue my

sport to the optimum level.

she said. "I'm not talking

World champion Hill unhurt as tvre test runs into a wall

solid wall while testing tyres for his new Arrows

team in Japan. The Formula One world champion lost control and spun at low speed on cold tyres on the exit from the

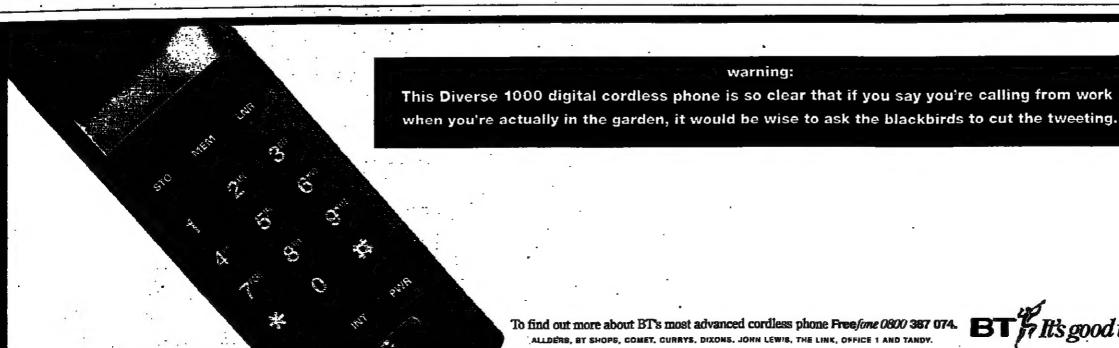
hairpin at Suzuka. The impact ripped two corners from the car and wrecked the gearbox, caus-

testing a day early.
Hill was driving a Ligier
for the scheduled two-day which has yet to be adapted | up to speed with them.

DAMON HILL escaped for him. The team were unhurt yesterday when he collided heavily with a tyres they plan to use next

driver, who clinched the world title by winning at Suzuka in October, had im-pressed before the accident. He set a fastest lap of 1min 40.14sec, which beat the previous best by a Ligier by more than 1.5sec. Hill said before testing:

"The purpose of this week's test is to get out there and establish where they [Bridgestone] stand now test because he is too tall to and what their potential is. fit inside the Arrows car, It's important for me to get



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# SportsGuardian

# Botham wins England recall Full of shame

Mike Selvey reports on the daunting tour role that David Lloyd has given to the country's most charismatic cricketer this winter

NGLAND yester-back row of the stands by volved with us for some day added a fam-Raymond Illingworth, then time," Lloyd said yesterday. "And this winter we will be winter tour party when Ian Botham was invited to act as technical adviser in Zimbabwe and summer, has already identified as a priority the need to produce top-quality bowlers, and Botham's experience and The former all-rounder has

been angling for inclusion in the England set-up for some time and last season was touted as a team "motivator". a sort of totemic position. However, the idea was quickly smacked into the

the way for Botham's return to international duty. David Lloyd, who took over as Eng-land's full-time coach last

using his technical skills,

"Ian is very happy to be usked — and the invitation has come from me. I have been mates with him for a long time and this is a per-sonal arrangement."

In respect of technique and enthusiasm Botham could be

tactical knowledge are seen as important to the an excellent choice. And an men have filled coaching po-economical one too because sitions in the recent past

During his career he was

the most English of English he most English of English bowlers, with the capacity to snake the ball both ways in the air, using natural aggression and unbounded enthusiespecially on the bowling asm. Nothing — when he had the ball in his hands anyway

was impossible.
Whether he can transcend a erennial problem of credibility that tends to blight Eng-land coaches is another mat-ter. His wickets speak for However, good

dence of the players.

Last winter Illingworth employed both John Edrich and moyen both John Edrich and Peter Lever as batting and bowling coaches respectively but, despite their enviable records at international level,

Both were perceived as too remote from the current international scene, and Lever in fact was central in the dispute with the then England fast bowier Devon Malcolm, whose technique he tried to adjust in South Africa last winter.

neither gained the players'

Botham will share the coaching duties with Lloyd

he will not be paid for his advice and will continue with dence of the players.

Last winter Illingworth emyears ago Geoff Boycott's exyears ago Geoff Boycott's ex-pertise was incorporated in the England coaching scene but the players objected to the maestro telling them one thing in the nets and then criticising them on air. Botham is sure to be running

the same gauntlet.
The England team leave for their 14-week tour on Monday week and Botham is expected in Zimbahwe shortly before the first of two Tests against of Christmas. England then play three Tests in New Zea-land in the new year.

# but as punch drunk as ever



Vincent Hanna

per-view subscription for the Tyson fight. "It's part of my job," I babbled at a man in the train. "I don't approve of it, but I have to."

He was mildly sympathetic.
"You're a prat," he said, "I watched it next day." I hadn't the guts to tell him that I did the same thing; I fell asleep after the Naseem Hamed and Steve Collins fights, and forgot to set the video.

Barney Tremblay says that 26 children came round to her house for it. "They sat up all night, ate pizzas and drank milk, it was all that's good about modern youth." Barney is a style consultant and hasn't any boxers on her books, but it's only a matter of

time: The pink shorts challenge the purple boots and scarlet gloves. The designer tat-too on the shoulder-blade gives an air of insouciance. And the ensemble is set off by the dar-ing use of two pints of blood. Watching it next day was no

substitute. It never is. The whole point is that frisson of uncertainty about the outcome, the raw thrill that comes from two men trying to hurt each other. It is not something I'm proud of, or can justify, but I cannot belp it. As Hugh McIlvanney says: "Boxing, with all its ambiguities, offers in its best moments a thrill as pure and basic as a

McIlvanney has brought on boxing and argues that such inner conflict is helpful. perhaps even essential, to an understanding of a sport which for him has never been a mere contest of skill but a primitive trial of the whole man: "Any supporter of boxing who does not admit to some ambivalence about its values, who has not wondered in its crueller moments if it is worth the candle, must be

As I read McIlvannev's vivid accounts of great fights, I realised how much boxing has marked the heartbeat of my own life. Without prompting they popped up like milestones in my mind. As clear as

Listening to the radio on holiday with my uncle Joe -

large missionary with a great left hook - as Randolph Turpin beat Sugar Ray Robinson with Barrington Dalby at the ringside. Or recovering from the flu

when Don Cockell fought Rocky Marciano. I can still hear the superb commentary by Eamonn Andrews. Or sneaking downstairs at cam to watch the first Clay v

Liston fight.
Or huddling in a cinema on the Edgware Road in 1974 to see Muhammad Ali knock out George Foreman in Zaire. It is still the greatest sporting

moment in my life.

McIlvanney tells how he sat
in All's villa and listened to him unpick the light for two hours: how he opted not to dance, how he let Foreman punch himself out on the

Coretta Clay, his tiny aunt, laughed and said: "He is the alpha and the omega."

McIlvanney's book looks at both sides of the sport: at Ali's miserable end in the ring, and at the suffering and despair that stalks every over-the-hill puglist who could have been a

In 1962 I was taken to the King's Hall, Belfast to see Johnny Caldwell fight Freddy Gilroy for the British and Empire bantamweight titles. Both came from Belfast and my head throbbed with the noise. Gilroy won in nine, and Caldwell's eyes needed 12 stitches. A woman in the row

behind me was sick. Yesterday I gave a boyhood hero a call. For 45 years Jack Magowan has covered boxing for the Belfast Telegraph. What, I wondered, had become of Gilroy and

Magowan told me how Gilroy had made a bit of money and bought a pub. But at the start of the Troubles a red X was marked on his front door Australia, Now, bome again and remarried, he is a carpark attendant in Belfast. "I saw him at a funeral last week," said Magowan. "He's comfortable, and perky."

OHNNY CALDWELL is neither. He drifts in and out of a Salvation Army hostel in Belfast city centre. He is not in good shape. Just another omega, l

I should feel ashamed of this story and what boxing can do to participant and spectator alike, and I am. I should not look forward to the next prize-

Postery 10 Quality of

McIlvanney on Boxing (Mainstream Publishing, E15.99).

# **Everybody misses but Laudrup**

Patrick Glenn

N A night when Paul Gascoigne and Pierre van Hooy-donk each made a mess of penalty kicks, and most other players managed to miss at some point when scoring would have been easer, Rangers were left with Brian Laudrup's perfectly struck first-half goal to take them back to the top of the

Laudrup's goal after only eight minutes was a prime ex-ample of a man really enjoying a totally unexpected gift. The Celtic defender, O'Neil, had the ball at his feet mid-way inside his own half and

**Scottish Premier Division:** Ceitic 0, Rangers 1

Striking pose . . . Brian Laudrup fires Rangers into a seventh-minute lead at Celtic Park last night

Laudrup took the ball away on his own, reached the edge of the penalty area and drilled the ball low to the right of Kerr. It was a terrific finish, taking full advantage of O'Neil's misfortune.
Rangers seemed to require

that kind of intervention from Laudrup, as the manager Wal-ter Smith had decided to play without a single recognised striker. With Laudrup capable of foraging vora-ciously on his own, Rangers' dependence on the quick break from defence was both understandable and vindi-

where it mattered. They were not helped by Di Canio's insistence on playing to the crowd, appealing to the referee with mock hurt at every turn. It was no surprise when

antics. The Italian was found wanting when an error by the visi-tors allowed him a free run down the inside-left channel and he had not the strength or the pace to capitalise. McInnes was cautioned for his lunging challenge on Di Canio, but the tackle was

the forward pass when he stime spent in enemy terrible high to his right to save one suddenly slipped and landed on his rear. high to his right to save one het-bound effort, but Laudrup difficulty in creating space still looked the most menacing man on the field, forcing Kerr to block after he had intercepted a slack pass from Boyd.

Rangers were in front at a time when Gascolene had been the quietest man in the ezme, almost anonymous on a have been doused.

Celtic knew they were hav-ing a bad time midway through the second half, when another golden opport-nity fell to Wieghorst, who had earlier blasted over from close range. This time be hit Goram with the ball after Ca-dete and Grant had finally

side of the penalty area.

Things began to look much better, however, when they survived a penalty-kick just a few minutes later. Kerr brought down Laudrup as the Dane knocked the ball out towards the by-line, but Gas-coigne's kick was weakly struck and close to the young goalkeeper, who flopped to his left to smother the ball.

By then, McKinlay had replaced O'Neil and Cadete had taken over from Thom. were full of menace, but found no takers. It see for most of the time, that Celtic could score only from such a ploy, for they were generally bereft of ideas in how to out-think the visiting Guardian Crossword No 20,811

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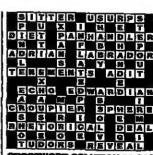
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